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Attacks on ships 'unacceptable', says India; Trump blames Iran

Three ships struck by U.S. had strong Indian links going beyond crew; External Affairs Ministry summons U.S. Embassy Charge d'Affaires Jason Meeks and lodges 'strong protest'

M. Kalyanaraman
Kallol Bhattacherjee
CHENNAI/NEW DELHI

While condemning the U.S. attacks on three ships with Indian crew that killed three Indian seafarers, Esmaeil Baqaei, a spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Affairs Ministry, on Friday, described them as "attacks on Indian commercial vessels".

Publicly available information shows that the three ships, though foreign flagged, have deeper Indian links than just the crew on board, including potentially in ownership and management.

Two ships were serving Indian ports, facilitating Iranian oil trade with India.

Sushila Devi, wife of Shivanand Chaurasia, an Indian seafarer killed in U.S. attacks, mourns in Deoria, U.P., on Friday. REUTERS

On Thursday, the External Affairs Ministry had said the ships were foreign-flagged and indicated that the deaths were incidental collateral damage in the conflict, tamping down any notion of targeting of Indians by the U.S.

On Friday, however, for the second time in three days, the Ministry summoned the Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy Jason Meeks and lodged a "strong protest".

Deep concern

"The Ministry once again conveyed its deep concern over the use of lethal and deadly force against civilian shipping. Such actions are unacceptable and undermine the safety, security and stability of international maritime commerce in a sensitive region at a difficult time," said the External Affairs Ministry.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Donald Trump accused Iran of carrying out "totally unacceptable" drone attacks on Indian ships "leaving the Strait of Hormuz".

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Shivakumar places wishlist before Amit Shah

BENGALURU

Urging the Centre to sanction two more battalions of the Indian Reserve Battalion , Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar gave the State's wishlist to Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

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AI-171 crash: AAIB releases interim statement on probe

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Family members of the victims of the crash at an event organised on the first anniversary of the tragedy in Ahmedabad on Friday. ANI

The evidence gathered in the investigation into the crash of a London-bound Air India flight, AI-171, in Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025 is currently undergoing comprehensive analysis, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) said in an interim statement on Friday.

The final report will be released after all investigative work, mandatory international review, and consultation processes are concluded, it said.

A total of 260 people, 241 on board and 19 on ground, were killed when the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed while taking off.

"The evidence gathered and the results of various examinations are being analysed in a comprehensive and integrated manner," the AAIB said.

Separately, the Civil Aviation Minister said that the Centre was committed "to a thorough and objective determination of the causes of the accident".

"Significant progress has been made in the examination and analysis of aircraft systems, flight recorder data, engine-related components, maintenance and operational records," the statement said.

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SC dismisses Congress leader's plea on rejection of Rajya Sabha nomination

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

Observing that courts should refrain from intervening in electoral processes, the Supreme Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan's plea challenging the rejection of her Rajya Sabha nomination papers from Madhya Pradesh.

A Bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and A.S. Chandurkar observed that in view of Article 329(b) of the Constitution, it had no jurisdiction to interfere with the order of the Returning Officer (RO) and that an election petition was the only remedy available in such cases.

The provision stipulates that no election to either House of Parliament or a State legislature can be called in question except through an election petition.

> Whenever an attempt is made to invoke this court's or the High Court's writ jurisdiction to interject during the conduct of elections, on every occasion the court has rejected such an attempt, keeping in view the principles contained in Article 329 of the Constitution
>
> SUPREME COURT

"...Whenever an attempt is made to invoke this court's or the High Court's writ jurisdiction to interject during the conduct of elections, on every occasion, the court has rejected such an attempt, keeping in view the principles contained in Article 329 of the Constitution," the Bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Ms. Natarajan, the Congress's sole candidate for one of the three Rajya Sabha seats from Madhya Pradesh, challenging a June 9 order of the RO and Madhya Pradesh Assembly Principal Secretary Arvind Sharma rejecting her nomination on the ground that she had failed to disclose a pending criminal case in Hyderabad in her affidavit.

BJP candidates Tarun Chugh, Rajneesh Agrawal and Mahesh Kewat were declared elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

Appearing for Ms. Natarajan, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi argued that the RO's decision suffered from a "patent error" and warranted interference by the court.

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Neymar carries the burden of Brazil's resurrection into the last chance saloon

The 34-year-old is no longer central to his country's football identity, but still is its biggest star. After three failed attempts at claiming the sport's most prized trophy, he will again be confronted by the existential question asked of every great in a Selecao shirt: can you win the World Cup?

N. Sudarshan

It is difficult to be a Brazilian footballer. It is more difficult to be a talented Brazilian footballer.

After the legendary Pele fired the South American nation to three World Cup triumphs in four editions (from 1958 to 1970), playing a leading role in at least two of those, every potentially great player who wears the *Selecao* shirt has been asked just one existential question – can you win the World Cup?

Romario in 1994 and Ronaldo in 2002 answered this emphatically, leading Brazil to its fourth and fifth titles respectively. Ronaldinho (in 2006) and Kaka (in 2006 and 2010) were put through the wringer, but could not add to the collection of World Cup trophies.

King in Waiting

From then on, the burden of resurrecting Brazil has been Neymar's. Ever since he broke out as a prodigious 17-year-old at Santos and captured the imagination of his country, he has been Brazil's 'King in Waiting'.

There were four trophy-filled seasons at Barcelona, and then the record €222 million move to Paris Saint-Germain that liberated him from Lionel Messi's colossal shadow at the Catalan giant.

> Those who have been with me through it all know that it was difficult, it was hard. But after hearing my name on the list, [it felt like] all the sacrifices and all the effort was worth it
>
> **NEYMAR**

But circumstances back in Brazil have been such that Neymar is yet to be coronated. In the time since that magical night in Japan in 2002, when Ronaldo buried the ghosts of the 1998 final loss to France by leading his side to a 2-0 win over Germany, Brazil has reached just one semifinal – at home in 2014.

That was the first of Neymar's three appearances at the quadrennial extravaganza. He played admirably until the quarterfinals but a lower-back injury ended his tournament, and he watched helplessly on television the 7-1 humiliation that eventual champion Germany dished out.

In 2018, Belgium's golden generation proved too good for Brazil as it crashed out in the quarters. In the 2022 last-eight clash versus Croatia, Neymar started and finished a brilliant move from midfield to put Brazil ahead in extra-time, only for his teammates to exhibit a severe lack of game awareness and ultimately lose on penalties.

For the maverick footballer, who is now 34, the North American sojourn will in all probability be the last chance saloon – a fourth attempt at claiming the elusive title.

Neymar, however, has to come to terms with the altered reality of him no longer being the leading man. Zinedine Zidane was also 34 when he led France to the final in 2006. Messi is 38 and Cristiano Ronaldo 41, and both are still synonymous with their outfits.

Neymar, though, is no longer central to his country's identity. He is still Brazil's biggest star, scorer of a record 79 goals (two more than Pele), but is neither the fulcrum nor the conductor who was once at the centre of every signature move on the field.

In fact, there was a real danger of Carlo Ancelotti – the first foreign coach in Brazil's history, brought in to instil a culture of collectivism and tactical discipline – side-stepping him altogether, for Neymar had featured in just four fixtures after the 2022 World Cup.

His last outing for the national team was in October 2023, a World Cup qualification tie against Uruguay during which he ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in his left knee and was out of action for a year.

He made a comeback in October 2024, only to injure his hamstring and spend more time out. Al Hilal, the Saudi Arabian club he joined in August 2023, terminated his contract in January 2025, and Neymar returned to Santos.

Flashes of his old self

The spell at his boyhood club has been mixed, with only flashes of his old self visible. There have been multiple spells on the sidelines; in 2026, he has only competed in eight matches. Leading into the World Cup he has again been waylaid by a calf injury.

The question now is how much of the old Neymar remains and what facets Ancelotti can tap into. At his pomp, Neymar was a flamboyant footballer and a glorious combination of pace, precision and trickery.

His close control and dribbling skills were such that the ball appeared glued to his feet, and such was the velocity he could gather in his first three-four steps that most opponents struggled to keep up.

Now that he is well into the third decade of his life, speed is no longer his ally. He is not as sharp as before. But set-piece delivery is still part of his muscle memory.

Considering that he would have had more rest than his Europe-based teammates, he can be a real threat if called upon to play short cameos, especially at the business end.

Neymar's popularity among his peers was also a factor in his selection. For long, Ancelotti maintained that he would only pick those who were fully fit. But here, there appears to be an ever-so-slight departure as Ancelotti himself pointed to the "affection the group has for him [Neymar]" and how he can help "create a better atmosphere".

The Italian, who has coached high-profile clubs such as Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Paris Saint-Germain and Chelsea, is among the best man-managers around and known to prioritise harmonious dressing rooms.

Pragmatic in his approach, Ancelotti has mostly shaped tactics according to the personnel at hand. At the same time, he has not allowed individual egos to disturb the shared ethos of his teams. "He has the same role, the same obligation as the other 25," he said about Neymar. "He might play; he might not; he might be on the bench and come on."

In South America, footballers cater to heightened demands. With the best players from the continent almost always leaving for greener pastures in Europe, there is an expectation from the fans for them to do well in national colours.

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>
> **CARLO ANCELOTTI**
> Brazil head coach

Messi might have had one of the greatest careers at Barcelona, but the whole of the Argentine population fully warmed up to him only in the aftermath of the 2022 success in Qatar.

It has been no different for Neymar. He helped Brazil win the 2013 Confederations Cup and clinch its first Olympic gold in football at Rio 2016. Both were at home but they still did not endear him to the public completely.

Failure and scrutiny

With every failure at the World Cup and Copa America, the scrutiny grew. Minor acts of petulance were overblown; every breath was analysed; every step was scrutinised; something as simple as a haircut was also not spared. In the battle of perception, he mostly lost.

"Those who have been with me through it all know that it was difficult, it was hard," Neymar said about his latest selection. "But after hearing my name on the list, [it felt like] all the sacrifices and all the effort was worth it. We're in this together as Brazil heads for a sixth World Cup title."

The big question is: can a Brazilian ensemble deliver what a solo Neymar couldn't?

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STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	24	13,500	19
2	Carlos Alcaraz	23	9,960	18
3	Alexander Zverev	29	7,305	21
4	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	4,440	24
5	Ben Shelton	23	3,920	23
6	Alex de Minaur	27	3,905	23
7	Novak Djokovic	39	3,760	16
8	Daniil Medvedev	30	3,760	24
9	Taylor Fritz	28	3,720	23
10	Flavio Cobolli	24	3,540	27
11	Alexander Bublik	28	2,930	25
12	Jiri Lehecka	24	2,575	21
13	Andrey Rublev	28	2,460	23
14	Casper Ruud	27	2,425	22
15	Karen Khachanov	30	2,320	24

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 278 ▲ 4 spots

Manas Dhamne
Rank 373 ▲ 21 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	28	9,090	19
2	Elena Rybakina	26	8,143	22
3	Iga Swiatek	25	6,733	19
4	Jessica Pegula	32	6,056	20
5	Amanda Anisimova	24	5,848	17
6	Mirra Andreeva	19	5,751	21
7	Coco Gauff	22	4,879	19
8	Elina Svitolina	31	4,315	15
9	Victoria Mboko	19	3,670	21
10	Karolina Muchova	29	3,438	19
11	Belinda Bencic	29	3,385	19
12	Marta Kostyuk	23	3,157	19
13	Linda Noskova	21	3,054	22
14	Jasmine Paolini	30	2,617	20
15	Naomi Osaka	28	2,571	20

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 331 ▲ 29 spots

Vaishnavi Adkar
Rank 374 ▲ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	A.K. Antonelli	Mercedes	156	5
2	L. Hamilton	Ferrari	90	0
3	G. Russell	Mercedes	88	1
4	C. Leclerc	Ferrari	75	0
5	O. Piastri	McLaren	60	0
6	L. Norris	McLaren	58	0
7	M. Verstappen	Red Bull	43	0
8	I. Hadjar	Red Bull	29	0
9	P. Gasly	Alpine	26	0
10	L. Lawson	RB	26	0
11	O. Bearman	Haas	18	0
12	F. Colapinto	Alpine	15	0
13	A. Lindblad	RB	13	0
14	C. Sainz	Williams	6	0
15	A. Albon	Williams	5	0
16	E. Ocon	Haas	3	0
17	G. Bortoleto	Audi	2	0
18	F. Alonso	Aston Martin	1	0
19	N. Hulkenberg	Audi	0	0
20	V. Bottas	Cadillac	0	0
21	S. Perez	Cadillac	0	0
22	L. Stroll	Aston Martin	0	0

A.K. Antonelli

L. Hamilton

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Mercedes	244	6
2	Ferrari	165	0
3	McLaren	118	0
4	Red Bull	72	0
5	Alpine	41	0
6	RB	39	0
7	Haas	21	0
8	Williams	11	0
9	Audi	2	0
10	Aston Martin	1	0
11	Cadillac	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,05,305	12
2	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	92,565	16
3	Anders Antonsen	91,155	17
4	Jonatan Christie	88,431	18
5	Christo Popov	84,682	20
6	Chou Tien Chen	80,280	27
7	Alex Lanier	74,525	17
8	Li Shi Feng	73,083	16
9	Victor Lai	72,915	21
10	Lin Chun-Yi	69,414	18
11	Lakshya Sen	69,373	23
12	Kodai Naraoka	68,020	22
13	Alwi Farhan	66,209	20
14	Loh Kean Yew	65,700	18
15	Weng Hong Yang	59,341	17

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 11

Ayush Shetty
Rank 21

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,17,787	17
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,06,839	16
3	Akane Yamaguchi	99,626	17
4	Chen Yu Fei	87,651	16
5	Han Yue	82,288	14
6	Putri Kusuma Wardani	75,223	19
7	Ratchanok Intanon	73,626	21
8	Pornpawee Chochuwong	64,977	15
9	Tomoka Miyazaki	63,646	22
10	P.V. Sindhu	59,781	13
11	Chiu Pin-Chian	57,498	25
12	Nozomi Okuhara	57,440	19
13	Michelle Li	57,327	21
14	Mia Blichfeldt	53,503	15
15	Sim Yu Jin	53,354	10

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 10

Unnati Hooda
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Harry Brook	869	898
2	Travis Head	853	884
3	Joe Root	851	932
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
6	Kane Williamson	780	919
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Shubman Gill	743	807
9	Yashasvi Jaiswal	733	858
10	Dinesh Chandimal	717	755

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	870	908
2	Mitchell Starc	838	852
3	Pat Cummins	832	914
4	Marco Jansen	825	825
5	Scott Boland	820	820
6	Noman Ali	817	853
7	Matt Henry	812	853
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Gus Atkinson	754	766

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	815	840
2	Virat Kohli	791	908
3	Ibrahim Zadran	756	756
4	Rohit Sharma	748	879
5	Shubman Gill	716	841
6	Babar Azam	689	894
7	Shai Hope	683	782
8	Harry Tector	679	730
9	K.L. Rahul	664	676
10	Charith Asalanka	659	705

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	705	775
2	Abrar Ahmed	675	675
3	Jofra Archer	649	682
4	Keshav Maharaj	645	737
5	Maheesh Theekshana	641	680
6	Adil Rashid	629	671
7	Kuldeep Yadav	624	757
8	Mehidy Hasan	621	722
9	Shaheen Afridi	604	691
10	Josh Hazlewood	601	725

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	875	931
2	Ishan Kishan	871	871
3	Sahibzada Farhan	848	848
4	Phil Salt	792	881
5	Pathum Nissanka	766	796
6	Tilak Varma	742	845
7	Suryakumar Yadav	722	912
8	Jos Buttler	716	794
9	Dewald Brevis	702	738
10	Brian Bennett	701	708

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	753	828
2	Varun Chakaravarthy	740	818
3	Abrar Ahmed	736	757
4	Adil Rashid	721	747
5	Jasprit Bumrah	702	783
6	Adam Zampa	682	746
7	Corbin Bosch	669	745
8	Matthew Forde	667	679
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	663	757
10	Nathan Ellis	661	678

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Bidadi project: Final notification sets stage for farmers-govt. stand-off

The protesting groups are set to move the court, alleging GBDA has not obtained the consent of 80% of farmers losing lands

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The opposition to the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) project is set to take another turn, as nearly 40 farmers' groups are planning a large-scale protest after the State government on Thursday issued a final notification to acquire 518.45 acres of land in the first phase.

The protesting groups are set to move the court, alleging that the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA), the implementing agency, has not obtained the consent of 80% of the farmers losing their land. In addition, farmer groups will gather in Bidadi on June 16 to discuss the matter and plan further measures to oppose the project.

On Thursday, the GBDA issued a final notification to acquire 499.14 acres of farmland and 19.31 acres of kharab land, totalling 518.45 acres, across three villages. The GBDA will acquire 384.22 acres in Kempayyanapalya, 63.10 acres in Vaderahalli, and 71.13 acres in Mandalahalli. However, the project requires the acquisition of 9,600 acres of land spread across nine revenue villages and 16 non-revenue villages in Bidadi, a town about 40 km from Bengaluru.

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The affected villages

Village	Hobli	Land to be acquired (in acres)
Kempayyanapalya	Bidadi-2	384.22
Vaderahalli	Harohalli	63.10
Mandalahalli	Bidadi-2	71.13

'Futuristic'

The plan is to build India's first AI-powered Work-Live-Play Township, popularly known as Bidadi Township. The government describes the project as "futuristic", with the potential to decongest Bengaluru city, create one lakh jobs with a focus on local employment and boost the State's economy.

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who has been spearheading the project, had said that the nine villages would be grouped into three packages and that final notifications would be issued in three stages.

Prakash G., a leader of the protesting farmers, said that the move to group the villages into three clusters is intended to create the impression that the project is progressing steadily and to demoralise the farmers, but that it would not stop them from protesting.

He pointed out that the final notification has been issued for three villages, among which several farmers have agreed to part with their land, and that the total area being acquired in this package amounts to barely 5% of the total requirement, just over 500 acres out of 9,600 acres. "For them (the government), this is an opportunity to turn our fertile land into a concrete jungle to benefit the big city and make money. For us, this is our livelihood, home, and everything. They are not just acquiring land but breaking a society," he said. Mr. Prakash said that they are prepared for a legal battle and that the real standoff begins now.

> This is a disastrous project, and it will face strong opposition from us
>
> **YASHAVANTHA T.**
> State general secretary, Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha

"We were waiting for the final notification because even to get a stay, something has to begin. We are ready with the documents and will soon move the court," he added.

Meeting on June 16

Chukki Nanjundaswamy, a farmer leader, confirmed that several groups would host a meeting on June 16, bringing together farmers' organisations, traders' groups, women's organisations, and backward classes unions.

Yashavantha T., State general secretary of Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha (KPRS), said that Mr. Shivakumar is pushing ahead with the project despite strong resistance and is dismissing all concerns raised by farmers.

"Farmers' protests have always demonstrated unity and brought down many such projects. This is a disastrous project, and it will face strong opposition from us," he told *The Hindu*.

The GBIT is one of the five major infrastructure projects spearheaded by Mr. Shivakumar. The others include Tunnel Roads, Elevated Corridors, the Bengaluru Business Corridor, and roads along drain buffers.

GBDA data claims over 80% consent, farmers dispute figures

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Official data from the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA) accessed by *The Hindu* claims that over 80% of farmers have given their assent to part with their land in Bidadi However, farmers contend that the data is misleading.

According to the data, 1,383 objections were received after the preliminary notification was issued earlier this year. The total land owned by those who filed objections stood at 2,248 acres, while the total land required from farmers is 7,295.15 acres. Thus, about 30.82% of the landowners initially objected to the project.

A review hearing on the objections was conducted following the preliminary notification. According to the data, all 1,383 persons who had objected to the project attended the hearing, and 503 of them subsequently gave their assent. Following the hearing, the extent of land owned by those continuing to object to the project reduced to 1,234.03 acres, which constitutes 16.91% of the total land proposed for acquisition.

Fact sheet

- Total farmland proposed for acquisition: **7,295.15 acres**
- Objections received after preliminary notification: **1,383**
- Land owned by objecting farmers before the review hearing: **2,248.38 acres** (30.82% of the total land proposed for acquisition)
- Farmers who withdrew their objections and gave assent after the hearing: **503**
- Land owned by farmers who gave assent after the hearing: **1,014 acres**
- Land owned by farmers who continue to oppose the acquisition: **1,234 acres** (16.91% of the total land proposed for acquisition)

Nagaraj Ganakal, Chairperson of the GBDA, told *The Hindu* that this data was presented to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, following which he announced that over 80% of the landowners had agreed to part with their land.

However, Prakash G., a leader among the protesting farmers, told *The Hindu* that they possess records of objecting farmers who collectively own more than 4,000 acres of land. Nagaraju M.R., a farmer from Mandalahalli, alleged that the figures have been miscalculated by the GBDA by considering only a single survey number belonging to a landowner who objected to the project, even though the individual owns multiple parcels of land.

However, speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior GBDA official dismissed Mr. Nagaraju's claims and said the calculations were accurate and had been verified multiple times.

The government will provide livelihood support from the date of the final notification until monetary compensation is paid or developed sites are handed over. Landowners will receive financial assistance ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹50,000, depending on the type of land.

Yashavantha T., State general secretary of Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha (KPRS), argued that the GBDA avoided conducting a social impact assessment by invoking two different laws for land acquisition. According to him, this enabled the authority to bypass certain procedures.

The GBDA officials dismissed these allegation.

Will launch legal battle: HDK

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Attacking the State government over issuing of final notification for 518 acres for the proposed Bidadi Integrated Township project, Janata Dal (Secular) leader and Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Friday announced that he would launch a legal battle against it. The Union Minister said that he would stand firmly with the affected farmers. He alleged that the government's intention was to facilitate large-scale real estate development under the guise of the township project.

Though the idea had been conceived by his government in 2006, the project was dropped since it faced opposition then too, he added. Terming Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's earlier statement that there are no farmers in the area as "arrogant and serious insult", Mr. Kumaraswamy asked the Chief Minister to visit Bidadi region to understand the landowners whose properties have been notified.

6-year-old's murder: Three police officers suspended for dereliction of duty

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the arrest of the victim's mother, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh issued an order suspending three officers for alleged dereliction of duty in connection with the murder case of a six-year-old girl under the jurisdiction of Kadugodi Police Station.

The suspended officers include Rangaswamy H.M., former inspector of Kadugodi and presently posted at the Electronics City Traffic Station; sub-inspector Ningaraju; and police constable Halesh Naik.

The suspensions follow arrests in the murder case of the child, Vennela. A police probe revealed the alleged involvement of Priyanka, an advocate and the mother of the deceased, and her live-in partner, identified as G.M. Mohan.

According to the police, the incident unfolded on March 24. The couple allegedly murdered the child and attempted to pass it off as an accidental death. Initially, the police registered an Unnatural Death Report (UDR), noting that the incident was a death under suspicious circumstances. However, the father of the deceased, Praveen, grew suspicious and filed a complaint, but the registration of the complaint was allegedly delayed by the police. Persistent efforts by Praveen, who met senior officers multiple times, led to the registering of the case on June 4.

Home Minister Priyank Kharge said that the child's post-mortem report had been received as early as April 4. Once the report was out, officials should have immediately treated it as a suspicious death and registered an FIR to investigate the case.

"They (the suspended officers) illegally kept the case within the ambit of a UDR (Unnatural Death Report) and adopted a delaying approach at their own level. This amounts to a serious dereliction of duty," the minister told media persons on Friday.

The suspension was based on an internal inquiry ordered by Ramesh Banoth, Joint Commissioner of Police (East Zone). The inquiry report noted that there were "lapses on the officers' side in handling the case." The report prompted Mr. Singh to initiate disciplinary action against the officers.

While the exact motive is still unknown, the department has appointed an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP)-rank officer from a different division to investigate the case.

When daylight draws curtain

Nature's canvas: A post-rain sunset splashes the evening sky with a riot of colours near Race Course Circle in Bengaluru on Friday.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Cubbon Park and Lalbagh to host 617 endangered species

Horticulture Department to focus on bringing endangered species found in BR Hills and conserved by the Soliga tribe

Rashmi Patil
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After almost three years, the Horticulture Department has decided to introduce more than 617 plant saplings of 255 varieties in Lalbagh and Cubbon Park in the city within two months' time. In the recent years, this is the highest number of saplings ever introduced in the botanical garden.

In 2022, the department introduced around 450 new species. Officials said that three years time gap is maintained after the introduction of new saplings to ensure that the saplings grow well and occupy the space of fallen trees. Introduction of new species is also to ensure that there is enough diversification in the botanical gardens. What makes it unique is they have decided to introduce medicinal plants cultivated by the Soliga tribe in B.R. Hills in Chamarajanagar district. According to the officials, these medicinal plants fall in the endangered category in International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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M. Jagadeesh, Joint Director of Horticulture (Parks and Gardens), said, "As a botanical garden, our work involves introducing new species of saplings every year that don't exist in our garden and are endangered in the State. In 2025, we introduced some 150 saplings of 30 varieties only and in 2024, we introduced 120 of them. This year, we planned for four months to introduce 617 of them. Among these 617, we will be introducing the medicinal plants conserved and grown by the Soliga Tribe in B.R. Hills in Chamarajanagar district."

Explaining Emphasising more on the medicinal plants, he said, "There are seven different species of medicinal plants we are borrowing and 28 of the saplings will be introduced in both Cubbon and Lalbagh. It includes Celtis Tetrandra, also known as *Kakkilu Mara* in Karnataka and used in Siddha medicine to treat indigestion issues. Similarly, Sapindus Emarginatus known as *Reetha or Soapnut* will be planted. Its fruits, leaves and even tree bark are valuable as they have anti-inflammatory qualities." Not just the medicinal plants from B.R. Hills, The department is also introducing other flower variety saplings from four other institutions: Nature India Agro Nursery from Nashik in Maharashtra, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, seedlings from University of Agriculture Sciences in Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Wood Science, and the Forest Department nursery from Agumbe.

Undertrial accused in serial blasts case dies

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The accused has suffered from health issues for more than a decade

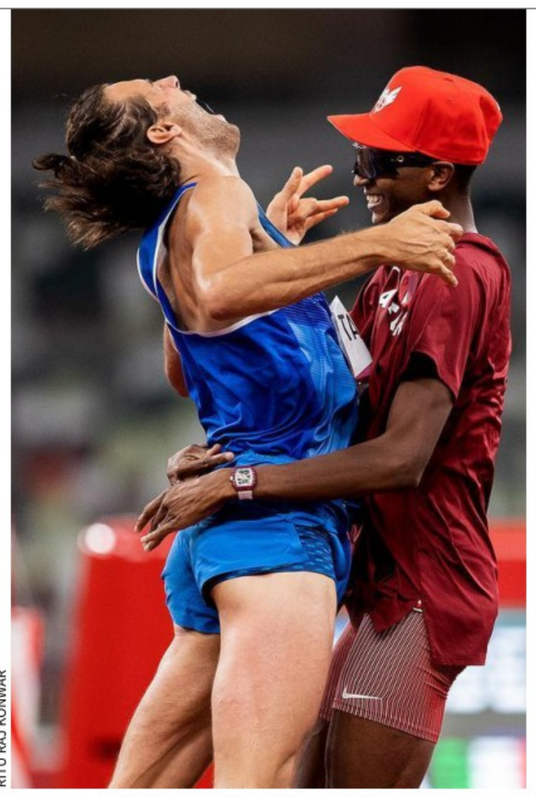
An accused in the 2008 Bengaluru serial blasts case, who was lodged in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, developed health complications and died on Friday, the police said.

The Parappana Agrahara police have registered an Unnatural Death Report. The body has been shifted to a hospital for a post-mortem .

The deceased is Abdul Khader, who was in his late 60s and hailed from Madikeri. He was arrested by the National Investigation Agency after it took over the case from the Bengaluru City Police. According to the police, Khader was an undertrial prisoner. Sources said that Khader had been suffering from health issues for more than a decade.

"He was diabetic and had kidney-related ailments for a long time. He had been in prison for 16 years," an officer said. He developed health complications around 1.45 p.m. and died before he could be shifted to hospital.

GURINDERVIR SINGH AND ANIMESH KUJUR



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GIANMARCO TAMBERI AND MUTAZ ESSA BARSHIM

DEV MEENA AND KULDEEP KUMAR

The beauty and benefit of comradeship in cut-throat athletics

Rivalries need not be bitter and damaging. When done right, they can push both athletes to heights they could not have achieved alone. They also add a life-affirming tone to high-stakes competition. Such duels are not restricted to the international stage. The recent Federation meet in Ranchi showcased level-raising battles, underpinned by genuine camaraderie

Y.B. Sarangi

Even as cut-throat competition gives elite athletics meets an elevated status, tales of camaraderie pleasantly break the monotony by adding a human element to them.

Enduring visuals of Mutaz Essa Barshim and Gianmarco Tamberi sharing the men's high jump gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, Belgian steeplechaser Tim Van de Velde sacrificing his own position to help Colombia's Carlos San Martin finish the race at the 2025 World Athletics Championships, and Robson De Oliveira and Aaron Beggs carrying an exhausted Ajay Haridasse over the line at this year's Boston Marathon evoked impromptu appreciation from spectators in recent times.

Tight contests, tight bonds

However, such instances are not restricted to international athletics alone. Top-level competitions in India have also seen fine examples of keen contests and close companionship. The recently held Federation meet at Birsa Munda Stadium, Morabadi, Ranchi, featured high-level performances as well as excellent displays of comradeship among athletes.

The close duel between female long jumpers Ancy Sojan and Shaili Singh, the intense rivalry between national record holder Gurindervir Singh and Animesh Kujur in the men's 100m, and the battle of one-upmanship between training partners and eventual joint national record holders Dev Meena and Kuldeep Kumar in the men's pole vault do not necessarily mean they are bitter opponents off the field. Rather, they offer exceptional case studies of bonding between athletes.

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>
> **ANCY SOJAN**
> 2022 Asian Games long jump silver medallist

For Ancy, who wholeheartedly cheered for her closest competitor Shaili in the background prior to the latter's attempts, rivalry is not equivalent to enmity.

"I don't consider my competitors as enemies. I just see them as friends. I always cheer for them. Because they are focused, they also try hard. So I wanted to motivate Shaili and help her do her best. That's why I cheer for her. It is a good thing to cheer for your rivals," says Ancy, who won the event.

Gurindervir is delighted that his mouthwatering showdowns on the track with Kujur, which are built on a strong foundation of brotherhood, bring eyeballs to athletics.

"I have been waiting for this for a long time. Our sport, sprinting, and athletics should get visibility. Every person enjoys watching a rivalry. When Animesh runs well, I feel that I have to run better. I have to do more hard training. When I run well, Animesh feels that he has to train even harder. We get motivation from each other," says Gurindervir, who became the first Indian to go below 10.10 seconds when he won gold.

"We are good friends. We are room-mates. We are brothers. We are competitors. When we train, we are training partners. When we go out, we are friends."

Gurindervir's coach James Hillier feels such healthy competition – the national record changed hands twice in the semifinals before Gurindervir's historic 10.09s run in the final – augurs well for sprinting in the country.

"It's a great rivalry, and in a way it probably helped Gurindervir that Animesh broke the record [10.17] in the semifinals [clocking 10.15 within minutes of Gurindervir breaking Kujur's previous record of 10.18]. It took a bit of the limelight off him and the pressure was sort of back on Animesh. It's really bringing Indian sprinting down [in terms of time]," says Hillier.

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> **GURINDERVIR SINGH**
> 100m national record holder

Coming from the same stable, Madhya Pradesh Athletics Academy (MPAA), pole vaulters Meena and Kuldeep are brothers in arms. They train together under coach Ghanshyam Yadav, carry their poles and travel together while challenging each other to the best of their ability. Ultimately, the success one achieves makes the other happy, as they believe their teamwork will help them attain excellence. Coincidentally, the two were tied at 5.45m and shared the new national record at Ranchi.

"We will continue to fight with each other so that we can raise the level," says Meena.

Kuldeep, who joined the MPAA a year ago, was welcomed by the already established Meena, as he saw that pushing the mark alone was a difficult task for him.

Victory through harmony

"We will do better in the future. It is a very technical sport. We are working on it. We are learning more and more with each passing day. If we learn and improve, it will be very good for both of us. We fight during our training. We fight during competitions. We support each other. We go ahead of each other. We are good friends. We should work to bring laurels for the country," says Kuldeep.

While complementing each other, they have no hesitation in appreciating each other's strengths.

"Dev's technique is good. I think his competition mindset is good. I won't say mine is bad either. I give him a good fight," says Kuldeep.

"Kuldeep has a powerful body. I have got speed," notes Meena.

Their coach Ghanshyam Yadav loves his two obedient trainees. "They are training together and competing with each other. Their communication with me is very good. If you say something to them, they will listen to you. They are training together and using the same pole," says Yadav.

Acknowledging the media's role in highlighting the plight of his wards while travelling with poles on a train in January and making their lives a little easier, Yadav dreams of guiding Meena and Kuldeep to greater glory and transforming pole vault into a well-known sport in India.

"We are trying to take the pole vault to a new height. Like Neeraj Chopra, who highlighted javelin by shining at the Olympics, we also want to take pole vault to that level," says Yadav.

If the Federation meet was full of high-class performances and great camaraderie, it also had an aberration in the form of an undesirable feud between 40-year-old Olympian Sandeep Kumar and 18-year-old promising athlete Nitin Gupta in the men's 10,000m racewalk.

After Gupta won the race comfortably, beating second-placed Sandeep, the two Army athletes, who train under different coaches, exchanged pleasantries and posed for photographs.

However, in a behind-the-scenes tussle for success, Sandeep filed a complaint against Gupta for receiving assistance from fellow competitors during the race. In the end, Gupta was disqualified for breaching World Athletics technical rules and Sandeep was crowned champion.

While different coaches present at the venue had varied opinions about the episode, it exposed intra-departmental competitiveness which not only created an unfriendly environment but also ended up being a disheartening experience for an emerging talent.

Of course, one can draw parallels to such incidents of bitter rivalry in international athletics over the decades, including Sebastian Coe versus Steve Ovett at the 1980 Moscow Olympics and Mary Decker versus Zola Budd at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

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Grace under pressure

No matter how much athletes push themselves to the limit and put their composure through stern tests, instances of companionship, a genuine emotion prevailing in humanity, will always outnumber examples of bitter competitiveness not only in track and field but also in sport at large.

As the 2026 calendar gears up for more intensity, with events such as the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games promising top-class action, one can only hope to see an atmosphere of fellowship in a world divided by conflicts.

TIM VAN DE VELDE AND CARLOS SAN MARTIN

GAME THEORY

Smells like teen spirit: **Major prodigies**

Mirra Andreeva is the latest teenage Grand Slam singles champion, with the 19-year-old breaking through at Roland-Garros last Saturday. As impressive as that achievement is, Andreeva's triumph doesn't make the list of the top 10 youngest Major singles winners in the Open era (women and men). We take a look at that roll of honour this weekend and see how many Grand Slam titles each of them went on to win over their career. Everybody on the list, except one, is a multiple-time Major champion.

YOUNGEST MAJOR WINNERS (SINGLES) IN THE OPEN ERA

Player	Age	First Major title	Career Major titles
Martina Hingis	16 years 117 days	1997 Australian Open	5
Monica Seles	16 years 189 days	1990 French Open	9
Tracy Austin	16 years 270 days	1979 US Open	2
Maria Sharapova	17 years 75 days	2004 Wimbledon	5
Michael Chang	17 years 110 days	1989 French Open	1
Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	17 years 174 days	1989 French Open	4
Boris Becker	17 years 228 days	1985 Wimbledon	6
Mats Wilander	17 years 293 days	1982 French Open	7
Serena Williams	17 years 350 days	1999 US Open	23
Steffi Graf	17 years 357 days	1987 French Open	22

Note: The Open Era began in 1968, when Grand Slam events allowed professionals to compete with amateurs. The youngest Major singles winner pre-Open Era is five-time Wimbledon champion Lottie Dod, who won her first title at just 15 years and 285 days in 1887.

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Niche sport

The NASCAR Truck Series is evidence that human beings will race almost anything for sport, even if the only seeming rationale for it is, 'Won't it be cool?'

This image from Tennessee's Nashville Superspeedway supports that line of thinking. Critics of pickup truck tracing might contend, however, that that has more to do with the photographer than the sport itself. But the series has fans, cult status and even pop culture cache.

The lowest of NASCAR's three divisions, the Truck Series features drivers speeding around circuits in light-duty trucks with an enclosed cabin and a roofless cargo bed at the back.

The boxy shape of the cab doesn't have the cutting-edge aerodynamics of stock cars, but that merely adds to the series' goofy charm.

The idea of racing pick-up trucks reportedly formed in the early 1980s, as a learning aid for trainee drivers, but has come a long way since.

Most of the series' first drivers were racers who had not made it big. In later years, though, it has also become a place for NASCAR Cup veterans without a ride to make a living.

Home Minister Priyank Kharge reviewing traffic management system during a visit to the Bengaluru Traffic Management Centre on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Population growing at 3.7% annually and vehicles at nearly 10%'

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Bengaluru's population is growing at an annual rate of 3.7%, while the number of vehicles in the city is increasing at nearly 10% every year, highlighting the mounting pressure on the city's traffic management system, senior police officials informed Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Friday.

Mr. Kharge reviewed Bengaluru's traffic management system during a visit to the Bengaluru Traffic Management Centre, where he held discussions with senior police officers and assessed measures being taken to regulate vehicular movement across the city.

The Minister said that the State government would formulate an action plan to strengthen road safety, ensure stricter enforcement of traffic regulations, and improve the operational efficiency of traffic police personnel.

During the review, the officials briefed Mr. Kharge on the challenges posed by rapid urbanisation, employment growth and expanding economic activity. "Despite the increasing mobility demands, Bengaluru has developed an effective traffic management system to handle the growing traffic volume," the officials said.

According to the police, the Bengaluru Traffic Police manage traffic through four divisions and 53 traffic police stations spread across a road network of nearly 14,000 km.

Mr. Kharge said that the Bengaluru Traffic Police have been effectively utilising modern technology for traffic management and noted that efforts would be made to further enhance efficiency in the coming days.

NHAI shelves its plan for barrier-free tolling on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway

The Bengaluru–Mysuru Access-Controlled Highway (NH-275) had earlier been identified as one of the corridors where NHAI planned to pilot the MLFF system

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
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The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has shelved its proposal to convert the 117-km Bengaluru-Mysuru Access-Controlled Highway into a barrier-free, high-speed tolling corridor under the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll collection system, opting instead to implement a closed, distance-based tolling mechanism across the stretch.

The decision comes after a recent technical review of the project. The NHAI officials said that the authority has decided to focus on introducing a closed tolling system with multiple entry and exit points, under which motorists will be charged based on the exact distance travelled rather than paying a fixed toll for the entire corridor.

The Bengaluru-Mysuru Access-Controlled Highway (NH-275) had earlier been identified as one of the corridors where the NHAI planned to pilot the MLFF system. A tender for the implementation of the technology had also been floated as part of efforts to transform the highway into a congestion-free corridor by eliminating physical toll plazas.

The NHAI has decided to focus on introducing a closed tolling system with multiple entry and exit points. FILE PHOTO

What is the closed tolling system?

- Toll charged based on distance travelled, similar to the NICE Road in Bengaluru.
- Vehicle entry and exit points are recorded
- Short-distance users pay lower tolls
- Charges calculated on actual highway usage
- Ensures a fairer and more transparent tolling system

However, the proposal has now been dropped in view of the authority's decision to introduce distance-based tolling on the highway.

"We had initiated the process for implementing the MLFF tolling system and a tender was also floated. However, it was decided to proceed with a closed, distance-based tolling system on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. Since both systems cannot be implemented simultaneously, the MLFF proposal has been kept in abeyance. Once the distance-based tolling mechanism is operational, we can evaluate the feasibility of introducing the MLFF at a later stage," a senior NHAI official told *The Hindu*.

Under the MLFF system, conventional toll plazas would have been replaced by overhead gantries equipped with high-performance RFID FASTag readers, Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and satellite-based vehicle tracking technologies. The system enables automatic toll collection while vehicles are in motion, eliminating the need for them to stop at toll plazas.

Another official explained that the MLFF allows toll transactions through the seamless reading of FASTags and vehicle registration numbers. "The technology reduces congestion at toll plazas, saves travel time, improves fuel efficiency and helps lower vehicular emissions by removing the need for vehicles to slow down or stop for toll collection," the official said.

India's first MLFF tolling system was rolled out in August 2025 at the Choryasi Fee Plaza on National Highway-48 in Gujarat.

The officials said that the distance-based tolling model is expected to benefit highway users significantly, particularly those making shorter trips. Under the new system, motorists entering and exiting the highway at different points will pay toll charges only for the portion of the highway they use, ensuring a fairer user-pay mechanism.

GBA appeals for public cooperation in dengue control

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Residents have been asked to ensure that water does not stagnate in containers.

Chief Health Officer (CHO) of the Public Health Department, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), S.S. Madani has directed health officials to step up preventive measures against dengue with the onset of the monsoon.

The CHO requested citizens to be aware of symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, and intense muscle and joint pain. Residents have been asked to ensure that water does not stagnate in containers. He urged people to properly dispose of waste materials such as used tyres, coconut shells, bottles and other objects that can collect rainwater. "Residents must contact doctors, health staff or ASHA workers at government hospitals if they develop fever or dengue-like symptoms," he said, calling upon communities to follow the "Check, Clean and Cover" approach to eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

50 AI labs to be established in govt. colleges in tier-2 and 3 cities

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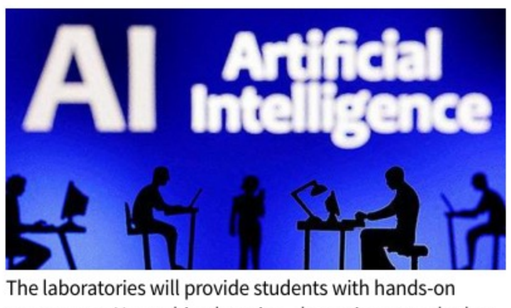

The laboratories will provide students with hands-on exposure to AI, machine learning, data science, and other emerging fields.

The Karnataka government has approved the establishment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Learning Laboratories in 50 government colleges in tier-2 and 3 cities of the State.

The laboratories will provide students with hands-on exposure to AI, machine learning, data science, and other emerging fields through practical training, skill development programmes and innovation-oriented learning. "The future of employment will be shaped by technology, and it is imperative that opportunities to acquire these skills are accessible beyond major urban centres. Through these AI laboratories, we are enabling students in tier-2 and tier-3 regions to gain hands-on exposure to emerging technologies, build industry-relevant capabilities and participate meaningfully in the digital economy," said Priyank Kharge, Minister for Home, Information Technology, Biotechnology and e-Governance.

In his last Budget, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced a ₹10 crore grant for the initiative which would be implemented in partnership with the Union government's IndiaAI Mission, to impart necessary skills to the rural youth to make them employable.

The State government has approved the selection of 23 educational institutions in the first phase for the establishment of the AI labs. Under the Government of India's AI Mission, each laboratory will receive financial assistance of ₹68.98 lakh over a period of three years, to be released in three instalments.

In addition, the State government has approved ₹10 crore to support the initiative, of which ₹6.29 crore will be released during the first year.

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Digital media literacy important to tackle cybercrimes, say experts

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In the context of an increasing number of digital frauds and cyber scams, digital media literacy is crucial, emphasised experts at a First Responder workshop held in the city by the CyberPeace Foundation, a non-profit that works to build resilience against cybercrimes. Noting that scamming is a social engineering technique in which the perpetrator uses emotional manipulation to take advantage of the victim, Anindita Mishra, a cybersafety campaigner, said that one needs to work on their psychology first to be a scam-buster.

"When they appeal to you for one 'like' for a suffering child, claiming that Facebook will contribute one dollar for every like, they are data harvesting. This is a means for them to identify which is a true ID, fake ID or a bot, and target accordingly," she said.

While several factors, such as temptation, urgency, credibility, authority, shame, fear, and so on, facilitate digital scams, in the case of children, she said, the culprit is often peer pressure.

Experts also warned against tagging people on social media without their consent.

"A recent viral trend we witnessed was the saree challenge, where people were asked to tag 10 of their friends. The 10 soon became hundreds and thousands. This is the perfect opportunity for criminals to conduct ID sniffing and find details such as people's names and credentials. Tagging is a personal choice," Ms. Mishra said.

The event was held in partnership with Google Safety Engineering Centre India.

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Bengaluru space start-ups among three selected for funding under TAF

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The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) has selected three Indian start-ups, including two from Bengaluru, as the first set of Indian Non-Governmental Entities (NGEs) for funding under its Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) scheme.

Bengaluru-based Astrobase Space Technologies and SatSure Analytics India, and Hyderabad-based TM2SPACE Technologies are the start-ups selected under the scheme.

The IN-SPACe said that the three start-ups were selected following a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process conducted by expert committee comprising members from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Department of Science and Technology (DST), industry, and academic institutions. They are eligible for financial support to develop transformative space technologies aimed at strengthening India's indigenous capabilities and enhancing its global competitiveness in the space sector.

Astrobase Space Technologies Private Limited will develop a high-thrust Closed-Cycle Liquid Rocket Engine (800 kN) for space launch vehicles. The project aims to develop an 800 kN-class reusable LOX-LNG rocket engine with high efficiency, and modular architecture for medium-to-heavy lift launch vehicles, serving as a commercial propulsion solution for next-generation launch systems and orbital stages.

SatSure Analytics India Private Limited will develop Dhaarini, a Large Earth Observation Model (LOM) designed to serve as India's foundational AI platform for remote sensing applications. Trained on diverse satellite and aerial datasets, the model will generate actionable insights across agriculture, infrastructure, and disaster management, enabling data-driven decision-making at a national scale. TM2SPACE Technologies Private Limited will develop an indigenous AI-powered star tracker system for satellites, enabling the pointing accuracy required for high-resolution imaging and communication missions.

Pawan Goenka, Chairperson, IN-SPACe, said, "The selection of these projects under the TAF marks a pivotal step in our mission to transform Indian private entities into global space leaders. With this fund, our vision is to bridge the critical gap between early-stage development and commercial success. By offering this financial support, we are empowering the private sector to work on cutting-edge space technologies. These projects are not just innovative concepts, they are practical, market-ready solutions that will increase our footprint in the global space economy."

Rajeev Jyoti, Director, Technical Directorate, IN-SPACe, said, "The IN-SPACe followed a rigourous, multi-stage evaluation process, selecting these three entities for funding"

The IN-SPACe will provide continued technical guidance, monitoring, and milestone-linked disbursement of funds to ensure successful implementation of the selected projects.

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ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆಯಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗಳು

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ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
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ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013ರ ಕಲಂ –11(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಂದರೆ ವಸತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಗೂಳೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಲ್ಲುಮಠ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.07.2019 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2019 (2019 ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 16) ರ ಕಲಂ–10(ಎ) ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ **ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂಇ 15 ಎಕ್ಕೂಸಟಿ 2026 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.05.2026** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ **ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 08.05.2026** ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30)ರ ಕಲಂ 12 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮೋಜಣಿದಾರರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ರ ಕಲಂ–11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯಿಸುವ ಬೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡವಿಡುವ, ಅನುಭವಿಸುವ, ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಐತೀರ್ಪು ರಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013 ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 30) ರ ಕಲಂ 15(1) ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 60 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ನೀಡದೇ ವಿಲೇಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಒಂದು ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–2, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ತುಮಕೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ತುಮಕೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಗೂಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕಲ್ಲುಮಠ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಸರ್ವೆ/ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಸರ್ವೆ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಪಹಣಿ/ಉತ್ತಾರ ಅನ್ವಯ)		ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ತರಹೆ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ/ಸರಹದ್ದು				ಪರಾ
	ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು / ಹಿಡುವಳಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)		ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಜಿ. ಸಿ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಸಿ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ	ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಜಿ. ಸಿ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಸಿ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ	12/1	1–13.08	0–00	1–13.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 12/2	ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 20	ಸ ನಂ 13	
2	ವಿಜೇಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ	ವಿಜೇಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೂಲದಯ್ಯ	12/2	1–13.08	0–00	1–13.08	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 12/3.4	ಸ ನಂ 12/1	ಸ ನಂ 20	ಸ ನಂ 13	
3	ಹೆಚ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	ಹೆಚ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	12/3	0–27	0–00	0–27	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 20	ಸ ನಂ 12/2	ಸ ನಂ 20	ಸ ನಂ 12/4	
4	ಮಂಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ	ಮಂಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ	12/4	0–27	0–00	0–27	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 20	ಸ ನಂ 12/2	ಸ ನಂ 12/3	ಸ ನಂ 13	
5	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಸಾವಿತ್ರಮ್ಮ (ಜಂಟಿ)	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಸಾವಿತ್ರಮ್ಮ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಫಿರ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಸ್ವಾಮಯ್ಯ ಗಂಗಗುಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ ದೊಡ್ಡಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ನಂಜಪ್ಪ ಪೀರ್ ಸಾಬ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಹುಸೇನ್ ಸಾಬ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಪುಟ್ಟಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಮಹಬೂಬ್	13	26–33	1–24	26–33	1–24	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 17	ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 12, 20	ಸ ನಂ 14	
6	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಸಾವಿತ್ರಮ್ಮ (ಜಂಟಿ)	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಸಾವಿತ್ರಮ್ಮ ಕರೀಂಸಾಬ್ ಕೂರ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ದೊಡ್ಡಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ನನ್ನು ಸಾಬ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಪುಟ್ಟಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಶಿವಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಷುಕೂರ್ ಸಾಬ್ ಸುಬಾನ್ ಸಾಬ್	20	31–18	0–34	31–18	0–34	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 21 ಮತ್ತು ಗೂಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 12 ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 8, 11, 21, 22	ಸ ನಂ 13, 19	
			ಒಟ್ಟು	62–12	2–18								

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ತುಮಕೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ತುಮಕೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಗೂಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಸರ್ವೆ/ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಸರ್ವೆ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಪಹಣಿ/ಉತ್ತಾರ ಅನ್ವಯ)		ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ತರಹೆ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ/ಸರಹದ್ದು				ಪರಾ
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ	3	29–06	0–27	29–06	0–27	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಕಲ್ಲುಮಠ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 1, 2, 4, 7	ಕೈದಾಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ	ಸ ನಂ 7	
	ಒಟ್ಟು			29–06	0–27								

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ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು	ಜಾತಾ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)		ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗು		ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಎ–ಗು	
1	ಕಲ್ಲುಮಠ	62	12	2	18	64	30
2	ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ	29	06	0	27	29	33
	ಒಟ್ಟು	**91**	**18**	**3**	**05**	**94**	**23**

(ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣಾ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಚೆ ವಿಳಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂಬರನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪದೇ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು)

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RGUHS records pass percentage of 89.22 in UG medical courses

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BENGALURU

Undergraduate medical courses under the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru, saw a pass percentage of 89.22 in the academic year 2025-26, about 2% higher than the previous year.

The pass percentage was 87.49 in 2024-25, 82.43 in 2023-24, 84.26 in 2022-23 and 82.25 in 2021-22.

Officials attributed the rise in the pass percentage to changes in the medical curriculum and teaching methods, along with the effective implementation of the teachers' training programme.

Speaking at a press conference here on Monday, Bhagavan B.C., Vice-Chancellor of RGUHS, said: "We followed a strict curriculum, which is in line with current developments in the medical field and is prescribed by the apex bodies and the university. We have implemented competency-based education (CBE) in all colleges, and we are also providing more e-library resources and medical journals to students. Therefore, this year, a record number of students are being awarded degrees."

Among the 72,741 eligible candidates, 62,419 students in undergraduate courses, 9,761 in postgraduate courses, 71 in Ph.D., 211 in super-speciality courses, eight in postgraduate diploma courses, 256 in fellowships and 15 in certificate courses will receive degrees, medals, and cash prizes at the 28th annual convocation of RGUHS. The convocation will be held on June 16, 2026, at the Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK) Campus, Bengaluru.

This year too, girls secured the highest number of gold medals at the convocation. A total of 103 students will receive 115 gold medals, of whom 82 are girls and 19 are boys.

Each gold medal comprises a 22-carat gold coin weighing 5 gm, sponsored through university and donor funds.

Top gold medallists
Spandhana I. (Bachelor of Physiotherapy), Padmashree Institute of Physiotherapy, Bengaluru, emerged as the university topper with three gold medals.

In MBBS, Prajwal Kashyap of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute emerged as the second topper of the university with two gold medals and two cash prizes.

Honorary doctorates
This year, Nailady Sridhar Shetty, Harshangi Veerabhadrappa and A.C. Shanmugam will be conferred honorary doctorates, Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa).

Auto driver's daughter bags 3 gold medals

Born and brought up in Bengaluru, with roots in Mandya district, Spandhana says her family's support has been one of her greatest strengths

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BENGALURU

Spandhana I., Brinda M.K., and Prajwal Kashyap. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Spandhana I., the daughter of an auto driver, graduated with three gold medals in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) programme at a college affiliated to the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) this year.

Ms. Spandhana studied at Padmashree Institute of Physiotherapy, Bengaluru. Her father, Indresh M., is an auto driver in the city, while her mother, Girija, is a homemaker.

Born and brought up in Bengaluru, with roots in Mandya district, Ms. Spandhana said she had always hoped to do well in her studies but never imagined she would graduate with three gold medals. "I was manifesting success and expected maybe just one gold medal, but I never thought I would receive three. It was a huge surprise and made me very happy," she said.

Her journey into physiotherapy was not the one she had originally planned. Ms. Spandhana had hoped to pursue an MBBS degree. However, circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic changed her plans, leading her to choose physiotherapy instead.

What began as an alternative path soon became a field she embraced and enjoyed wholeheartedly. Her dedication and hard work eventually earned her one of the highest academic honours in her course. Looking ahead, she plans to pursue a Master's degree in neurosciences and continue building her career in healthcare.

Coming from a humble background, Ms. Spandhana said her family's support has been one of her greatest strengths. She dedicated much of her success to the support and guidance she received from her college.

MBBS student
Meanwhile, Prajwal Kashyap, an MBBS student from Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, graduated with two gold medals and two cash prizes and emerged as the second topper of the university.

Mr. Kashyap credits much of his success to the supportive environment provided by his family. His father is an engineer, while his mother, now retired, worked as a Sanskrit teacher.

"I was not driven by the intention of getting a gold medal. From day one, I tried to understand the subject well, and these awards are just a result of that effort. My parents have always supported me and allowed me to pursue what I wanted. They never forced me into anything and always encouraged me," he said.

Beyond examinations and awards, Mr. Kashyap said his true motivation has always been to improve his understanding of patient care. He plans to pursue postgraduation in General Medicine before deciding on a super speciality.

BDS student
Brinda M.K., a student at SJM Dental College and Hospital, Chitradurga, has won two gold medals and one cash prize in Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) this year.

Born and brought up in Bengaluru, Ms. Brinda comes from a family that values education and professional excellence. Her mother, who began her career as a school teacher, now serves as a principal, while her father works as a software engineer.

Ms. Brinda said she never expected to earn two gold medals. She thanked her college for supporting and encouraging her throughout her course. "It was not something that was planned. I just gave my 100% effort, and my college really pushed me through it. Consistent hard work, patience, and practical learning experiences were key to my success," she said.

Ms. Brinda now plans to continue in the same field by pursuing higher education and is currently waiting for the counselling process to begin her master's programme.

Several other students secured two gold medals each: Sanjana S. Rao (AYUSH), A.L.N. Rao Memorial Ayurvedic Medical College, Koppa, Rodrigues Praneel Melvin (AYUSH), Alva's College of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences, Moodbidri, Kavana B.K. (Pharm.D), Shri Siddaganga College of Pharmacy, Tumakuru, Annu Priya (B.Pharm), Acharya & B.M. Reddy College of Pharmacy, Bengaluru, Trupti Shanmukh Naik (B.Pharm), Srinivasa College of Pharmacy, Mangaluru, Vedika S. (BPT), Kengal Hanumanthaiah Institute of Physiotherapy, Bengaluru, Kalyani Bajpeyee (Allied Health Sciences), Acharya Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Bengaluru and Shruthika (Allied Health Sciences), A.J. Institute of Medical Sciences, Mangaluru.

(With inputs from Poojitha B.V.)

Cinderella to be staged today

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BENGALURU

Prabhath Kalavidaru, a well-known performing arts group based in Bengaluru, will present its musical dance drama 'Cinderella' on saturday at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru.

The production, which originally premiered in 1978, has been performed over 1,000 times across India and has awed the audience with its choreography, aerial effects and cinematic 3D backdrops as well as musical score, the group said.

"Unlike a conventional play, *Cinderella* is a grand musical dance-drama that combines fantasy, music, choreography, and theatrical spectacle," a note from Prabhath Kalavidaru said.

'Cinderella' will be staged on Saturday at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru at 7 p.m. For enquiries and details, contact 9448200676 / 9448574370.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, JUN. 13	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:46
RISE 03:41	SET 16:59
SUNDAY, JUN. 14	
RISE 05:54	SET 18:46
RISE 04:39	SET 18:07
MONDAY, JUN. 15	
RISE 05:54	SET 18:47
RISE 05:45	SET 19:16

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	15
Mysuru	31	21
Bengaluru	30	22

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of moderate rain and thundershower.

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Despite legal dispute, college chief to get honorary doctorate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) has decided to confer an honorary doctorate on A.C. Shanmugam, chairman of RajaRajeswari Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru, Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, Channapatna, and the RajaRajeswari Group of Institutions.

Interestingly, the State government is engaged in a legal battle with RajaRajeswari Medical College and Hospital over its affiliation.

Selection process
Bhagavan B.C., Vice-Chancellor of the university, said the decision to confer the honorary doctorate was taken by a committee constituted by the Governor.

"We forwarded the profiles received to the committee. We have no role in the selection process," he said.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, while expressing displeasure over the decision, said, "The legal dispute involving the institution is still pending before the court. The honorary doctorate was decided by the committee appointed by the Governor. Therefore, we cannot object to the list."

Case background
RajaRajeswari Medical College and Hospital was affiliated to RGUHS. However, in 2019, the college claimed affiliation with Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute, a deemed-to-be university in Chennai.

A case relating to its affiliation is pending before the Madras High Court.

The college has obtained a stay order and continues to claim affiliation under Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute.

Two elephant tusks seized in Mangaluru

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Sleuths of Criminal Investigation Department (Forest Cell) seized two elephant tusks weighing 42.700 kg and arrested three persons when they were allegedly trying to sell them at Jodukatte Maroli in the city on Thursday.

The officials also seized two cars from the accused.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client "**Smt.Chandrakala W/o. Srinivasa Gowda",** Residing at # 337, 5th A Cross, Kasthuri Badavane, Near Maruthi Theater, Rajgopalnagara, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 058, intends to purchase the Property No.13, **EPID No.1151349250,** Khatha No.251, in Sy.No.120, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, along with Building, situated at **Dasarahalli CMC Ward No.24, Now BBMP Ward No.70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, which is bounded as follows:

East by : Road, West by : Property No.20, North by : Property No.12, South by : Property No.14.

From its owner **Smt.V.B.Parvathamma W/o. N.Giridhara,** Residing at # 337, 5th A Cross, Kasthuri Badavane, Near Maruthi Theater, Rajgopalnagara, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 058.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.

M.V.J. Law Chambers,
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Email – mvjslawchambers@gmail.com.
Place : Bangalore Date : 12-06-2026

Govt of Karnataka
O/o Executive Engineer, PWD, Udupi Division
Udupi - 576101. C.No : (0820) 2531802
No.PWD:UDN:NIT-05:2026-27:AE-2 **Dated: 12.06.2026**

Tender Notification

It is here by notified for the information of intending eligible registered contractor in Karnataka PWD, through e-portal **"kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** as per Karnataka tranperency in public procurement act - 2023, as per specified terms & condition notified there in. The Last date for submission of tender on **29.06.2026** through E-procurement portal **"kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** under **5054-80-190-0-01-132** head, 2 works costing **Rs. 116.73 Lakhs and 117.46 Lakhs (excluding GST)** for KRDCL Brdige Works. For more information contact office during office hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Public works department Udupi Division, Udupi.

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/166/26-27 Dt: 12.06.2026

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Madhugiri. Phone : 08137 - 283336.

No. : E.E./P.W.D./Dvn./J.E.-1/Tender/2026-27 **Date : 11-06-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Tender Ref. No. : 10/2026-27)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, **The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri,** invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the Works. **(Madhugiri Taluk) Approx. Amount for the Work is Rs 2000.14 Lakhs.**

Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the KPPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://kppp.gov.in. Tenders must be Submitted through KPPP Portal on or before 13-07-2026 (upto 4.00 p.m.), Technical Bids will be opened on 14-07-2026 after 4.15 p.m, Financial Bid will be Opened on 15-07-2026 after 4.15 p.m.

Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP Portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Division, Madhugiri.

DIPR/Tumakuru/34/Manipal/2026-27

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB Head Office, 14/3, CFC Building, Maharshi Aravinda Bhavan, 1st Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/SLAO/994/2026-27 Date: 01.06.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public and related Land Khatedars/Anubhavadars/interested persons that the lands situated in Bagaluru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, having a total extent of 31 Acres 10 Guntas (Kharab: 14 Acres 26 Guntas; Balance: 16 Acres 24 Guntas), are proposed to be acquired for the Integrated Township Project of M/s NVG Developers Pvt. Ltd., comprising a Software Development Park, BPO Park, Residential Apartments, Star Category Hotels and Commercial Activities, as notified in the Preliminary Notification No. CI 106 SPQ 2025 dated 14-05-2026 published in the Karnataka Gazette. Furthermore, it has already been informed to all Khatedars that If there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, within 30 days from the date of receiving the Notice, objections should be submitted in writing, in person or through authorized person to Head Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer (KIADB), No. 14/3, C.F.C. Building, Maharshi Aravinda Bhavana, 1st Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001. Details of the Lands for Acquisition are as below.

Sl. No.	Name of Khatedar	Name of Anubhavdar	Survey No.	Acquisition Area		
				Ainu A-G	Kharabu A-G	Remaining A-G
1	M. Venkatesh S/o Munishamappa (1-00)	M. Venkatesh S/o Munishamappa (1-00)	Part of 176	12-25	12-25	-
2.	Karisonu S/o Balajappa (0-20)	Karisonu S/o Balajappa (0-20)				
3.	Shoukat S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab, Abdul Kaleel S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab Urf Kareem Saab, Mohammed Inayath Urf Kareem Saab Above joint Bhu. Pa (2-00)	Shoukat S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab, Abdul Kaleel S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab Urf Kareem Saab, Mohammed Inayath Urf Kareem Saab Above joint Bhu. Pa (2-00)				
4.	Government (1-20)	Durgappa S/o Channappa (1-20)				
5.	Government (0-30)	Motappa S/o Channappa (0-30)				
6.	Chikkamuniyamma W/o Chikkamuniyappa (1-00)	Chikkamuniyamma W/o Chikkamuniyappa (1-00)				
7.	Government (1-00)	Annapa S/o Buddappa (1-00)				
8.	Channakeshava S/o Muddanna (1-00)	Narasimhappa S/o Muniyappa (1-00)				
9.	Muniyappa S/o Maralakunte Kariyappa (0-35)	Muniyappa S/o Maralakunte Kariyappa (0-35)				
10.	Annamma D/o Abbayya (0-30)	Annamma D/o Abbayya (0-30)				
11.	Chinnamma W/o Late Puttappa, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Puttappa, Thimmayya S/o Late Puttappa, Muni Anjinappa S/o Late Puttappa (1-10)	Chinnamma W/o Late Puttappa, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Puttappa, Thimmayya S/o Late Puttappa, Muni Anjinappa S/o Late Puttappa (1-10)				
12.	Bhasha Saab S/o Late Khasim Saab (1-00)	Bhasha Saab S/o Late Khasim Saab (1-00)				
13.	Chandrakant S/o Choudappa	Chandrakant S/o Choudappa	176/43 (New Sy. No.486)	10-00	-	10-00
14.	B.G. Anil Kumar S/o Guddappa, Sandeep Kumar A. S/o B.G. Anil Kumar, Vinay Kumar A. S/o B.G. Anil Kumar, Vaishnavi B.A. D/o B.G. Anil Kumar	B.G. Anil Kumar S/o Guddappa, Sandeep Kumar A. S/o B.G. Anil Kumar, Vinay Kumar A. S/o B.G. Anil Kumar, Vaishnavi B.A. D/o B.G. Anil Kumar	176	1-00	1-00	-
15.	Narayanappa S/o Patalappa	Narayanappa S/o Patalappa	514	1-20	-	1-20
16.	Muninarayanappa S/o Venkataswamy	Muninarayanappa S/o Venkataswamy	515	1-00	-	1-00
17.	Muninarasimhaiah S/o Nanjappa	Muninarasimhaiah S/o Nanjappa	517	0-15	-	0-15
18.	Venkatesh S/o N. Gullappa, Munithimma S/o N. Gullappa, Muniyappa S/o N. Gullappa, Mahesh S/o N. Gullappa	Venkatesh S/o N. Gullappa, Munithimma S/o N. Gullappa, Muniyappa S/o N. Gullappa, Mahesh S/o N. Gullappa	518	2-00	-	2-00
19.	Venkatesh S/o Munikadirappa & Padmapushpa W/o Late Ravikumar	Venkatesh S/o Munikadirappa & Padmapushpa W/o Late Ravikumar	519	0-20	-	0-20
20.	Muniyamma D/o Late Narasimhaiah	Muniyamma D/o Late Narasimhaiah	520	1-10	0-06	1-04
21.	Shamshad Begum W/o S. Mallik Khan, M. Aslam Khan S/o S. Mallik Khan, M. Azam Khan S/o S. Mallik Khan Bhu. Pa	Shamshad Begum W/o S. Mallik Khan, M. Aslam Khan S/o S. Mallik Khan, M. Azam Khan S/o S. Mallik Khan Bhu. Pa	526	1-00	-	1-00
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It is hereby informed to the Khathedars / Anubhavadars / Interested persons of the above mentioned Lands that under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2) Information Notices were issued to the Notified Khathedars/ Anubhavadars and sent by Registered Post. As addresses of some of the Land Owners were not found and the postal department has sent back the envelopes with remarks to this Office. Khathedars/ Claimants of the above mentioned Lands should consider this Notification as Information Notice under K.I.A.D. Act 1966 Section 28 (2).

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Coalition flags concerns over lake works undertaken with WB funds

It flags three concerns: concrete-heavy engineering, hydrological discontinuity and buffer zone encroachment

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The Federation of Bengaluru Lakes (FBL), a coalition of lake communities in Bengaluru, has written to the World Bank Group, raising concern over what they termed "a material disconnect between the stated results framework and current implementation practice" in the works pertaining to lakes and Storm Water Drains (SWD) in Bengaluru, it is funding. The Hindu has a copy of the letter dated May 31.

The World Bank is funding Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP), aimed at flood mitigation and building climate resilience in Bengaluru. While the World Bank is funding around ₹3,500 crore, the State government is contributing around ₹1,500 crore. Reinforcement of the SWDs, lake bunds, installation of sluice gates, etc., are being taken up under the project.

Nayandahalli Lake, one of several city lakes sustained with tertiary treated water by BWSSB. K. MURALI KUMAR

"Our field monitoring, photographic evidence, and hydrological surveys, which can be made available for independent review, indicate that several current design decisions may be inconsistent with the programme's stated objectives and with the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017," the FBL stated in the letter, dated May 31.

Three concerns

It flags three concerns: concrete-heavy engineering, hydrological discontinuity and buffer zone encroachment.

The FBL stated while the World Bank's technical assessment prioritises nature-based solutions, current contracts for at least 12 lakes reportedly require concrete lining of bunds and inlets. "This approach may reduce groundwater recharge, damage riparian habitat, and create lasting ecological harm," the FBL said.

Further, the FBL flagged that it had observed construction activity in the regulated buffer zones of at least five lakes, including areas that function as breeding habitats for migratory bird species on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

The FBL's letter also alleged that citizen-impacted stakeholders and domain experts with long-standing hydrological and ecological knowledge appear to be excluded from design and monitoring processes. It demands inclusion of civic groups into the KWSRP's governance, monitoring, and verification mechanisms.

The FBL has received a response from the World Bank's Programme Task Team Leaders for KWSRP, which said, "We are reviewing the issues you have raised and will follow up with the relevant government counterparts responsible for programme implementation," adding that they would provide a detailed response once they have gathered sufficient information.

Greater Bengaluru Authority Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao said the letter was not addressed to him, and he would respond if the issues were raised.

GBA Special Commissioner directs officials to speed up Hulimavu Lake works

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After being informed that the lake development works, which began in 2022, are yet to be completed, Sushma Godbole, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment and Climate Change), Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), directed officials to expedite the pending works at Hulimavu Lake and take immediate steps to prevent sewage from entering the waterbody, which residents said was causing pollution.

Following the inspection, Ms. Godbole instructed Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials to expedite the construction of the sewage treatment plant (STP) and put in place measures to ensure that untreated sewage does not flow into the lake.

Development works under way at the Hulimavu Lake in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Special Commissioner also inspected flood-prone areas around Arakere Lake and directed officials to take precautionary measures ahead of the monsoon to prevent flooding. She further instructed the departments to immediately relocate optical fibre cables and Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) power lines that are hindering road and stormwater drain work.

27 Lokayukta teams unearth mega foodgrain scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major crackdown, the Karnataka Lokayukta on Friday unearthed a massive foodgrain scam in government establishments following simultaneous raids across Bengaluru City and Bengaluru Rural districts.

The operation followed an inquiry report that revealed that over 50% of government-rationed food grains were being illegally diverted to the open market. Acting on the report, Lokayukta B.S. Patil directed registering a *suo motu* case and issued 27 search warrants, deploying 22 specialised teams across Bengaluru City and five teams in Bengaluru Rural.

At the Vijayanagar-1 Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. godown, officials caught a private vehicle loaded with 120 quintals of unbilled rice.

"While the godown manager claimed the stock was bound for a local Fair Price Shop, the shop owner denied any involvement or documentation. Similarly, in another godown, 100 quintals of rice were dispatched without invoices to a shop owner who had not even placed an indent," a statement by Lokayukta said.

The raid also exposed severe administrative lapses, including absent managers, unmaintained logbooks, missing dealer signatures, and rotting COVID-era wheat stocks. The ombudsman also found retired department staff illegally operating inside godowns and drawing unauthorised salaries.

The corruption extended deep into private networks. A raid on a private godown owned by an individual named Subbaraju in Dasanapura Hobli yielded six tonnes of rice and five tonnes of ragi clearly marked for government distribution. Besides, over 25,000 official Karnataka government gunny bags and grain-polishing machines were found.

Simultaneously, Upalokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra led inspections at state godowns in Makali, Sunkadakatte, and Kamakshipalya, documenting widespread stock discrepancies and complete lack of safety measures, including absent fire extinguishers and missing GPS tracking on transit vehicles. The Lokayukta police have initiated criminal cases. Investigations are ongoing to map out the entire black-marketing syndicate.

No fee hike for medical courses, says Medical Education Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has decided not to hike the fees for medical, dental, undergraduate, and postgraduate courses for the current academic year.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil officially announced on Friday that there will be no fee hike for medical courses for the academic year 2026-27, after a meeting with representatives of private medical and dental college managements.

Addressing a press conference, the Minister said, "Considering the stress faced by aspirants and parents due to the re-examination of NEET, we have not accepted the proposal to increase fees proposed by private college managements."

"The same fees fixed last year will continue this year as well" the Minister said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sharan Dr. Patil said Karnataka has the highest number of medical seats in the country. "With the addition of 550 MBBS seats in government medical colleges this year, the total number of seats has increased to 14,495," he said.

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The great tier-2 shift

Gen Z's work-life priorities are reshaping India's smaller cities into major real estate investment destinations

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Binitha Dalal

India's real estate map is being redrawn, not by policy alone, but by a generation that grew up on broadband and refuses to accept a two-hour commute as the price of a career.

Gen Z, broadly those born between 1995 and 2010, has entered the workforce in large enough numbers that its preferences are no longer a soft cultural observation. They are starting to register in transaction volumes, rental yields and developer launch decisions in cities that most institutional investors had not seriously underwritten until recently.

Deloitte's 2025 Gen Z and Millennial Survey, covering over 23,000 respondents across 44 countries, found work-life balance to be the single most cited factor when Gen Zs choose an employer, ranking ahead of salary and career progression. Nine in ten also said a sense of purpose mattered to their job satisfaction.

One can debate whether these are generational traits or simply what happens when a cohort enters the workforce during a period of economic uncertainty and pandemic-era flexibility, but one thing is becoming increasingly clear: younger professionals are placing far greater value on workplace environments that feel collaborative, transparent and free from rigid hierarchies. Comfort, flexibility and a healthier professional atmosphere are becoming equally important factors in deciding not just where they work, but also where they choose to live.

The city pull

For most of the past two decades, cities such as Mumbai and Delhi-NCR held an almost automatic pull. Graduates from places like Lucknow, Jaipur or Chandigarh moved because that was where the jobs, professional networks, and career opportunities were concentrated. The calculation was straightforward, even when the costs were punishing. A 1-BHK in Andheri at a rent that ate half the salary was still the rational choice if the alternative was stagnation at home.

Hybrid work has introduced a third option that did not meaningfully exist before.

A professional in Lucknow drawing a Mumbai salary and logging into meetings from a co-working space three days a week is not a fringe case anymore. Once people start to make housing decisions, the city they choose tends to be the one they are already living in.

Lucknow recorded a 25% year-on-year rise in residential unit sales in 2025, but what stands out is the kind of buyer driving that demand. Much of the momentum is coming from end-users – returning professionals and local families who have become far more intentional about where and how they want to live. Prop Equity's Q1 2025 data placed Lucknow among the leading tier-2 cities for new project launches, underlining the confidence developers have in the city's long-term housing demand rather than speculative activity.

A similar pattern is visible in cities such as Jaipur, Chandigarh and Mohali, where lifestyle housing and plotted developments are seeing steady absorption. Better connectivity, improving social infrastructure and accessible pricing are making these markets increasingly attractive for buyers who feel priced out of larger metros or simply want a better quality of life for the same budget.

The projected annual appreciation of 8% to 12% in these cities, compared to roughly 5% to 8% in larger urban centres, is tied closely to real demand and the pace at which these cities are evolving. In many ways, these markets are now catching up to the infrastructure and economic growth that have been building over the past few years.

From an investment standpoint, the shift becomes far more meaningful when demand starts extending beyond housing. A few years ago, many of these cities were seen largely as residential markets with limited commercial activity. Today, more professionals are choosing to stay in places such as Indore, Coimbatore and other tier-2 cities instead of automatically moving to larger metros, and that is steadily reshaping the kind of demand these markets generate. Even then, expectations around quality of life have not changed. People still want access to good offices, reliable infrastructure and a city environment that feels connected and well-developed.

The market is also responding to this change and we are seeing many startups emerging outside the traditional metro ecosystem. Companies are becoming more open to distributed teams, and co-working operators are finding demand in cities where organised Grade-A office supply was once extremely limited.

Almost 15% of India's technology talent already resides in tier-2 and tier-3 cities (as per Colliers India) and this number continues to rise steadily with decentralised work models gaining wider acceptance. This is opening new avenues even for the developers, who are eyeing this as a long-term opportunity. The conversation is gradually moving away from simply selling homes and towards creating cities where young professionals are seeking to realistically build both their professional and personal lives.

The opportunity in tier-2 real estate is compelling, but it is not without complexity. Liquidity remains shallower than in larger metros, infrastructure delivery can be uneven, and not every emerging market will sustain long-term demand.

In many cases, the difference between a high-performing micro-market and an overhyped one may come down to connectivity execution, employment visibility and developer credibility.

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T.N. CM Vijay visits Kollur Mookambika Temple, offers silver sword to deity

According to sources, the sword weighed 1.6 kg; he offered special pooja at the temple in the afternoon; the police had beefed up security at the temple in view of his visit

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay at the Kollur Mookambika Temple in Udupi district on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

During his first visit to Karnataka after taking charge, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay visited Kollur Mookambika Temple in Udupi district on Friday and offered a silver sword to the presiding deity.

According to sources, the sword weighed 1.6 k.g. He offered special pooja at the temple in the afternoon.

The police had beefed up security at the temple in view of his visit. The temple wore deserted look due to security arrangements.

After visiting the temple, Mr. Vijay drove to the Mookamika guest house at Kollur. Sources at Mangaluru International Airport said that the Chief Minister drove the car himself while returning to the airport from Kollur. He waved at his fans and boarded the special flight to Chennai at 6.30 p.m. Earlier Mr. Vijay arrived at the airport by a special flight from Delhi at about 1 p.m. Minister for Health and Family Welfare U. T. Khader and officials of Dakshina Kannada district administration welcomed him at the airport. The officials presented him with two books at the airport. Later he left for Kollur via Udupi by road. Before Mr. Vijay could reach Udupi, a group of activists of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (Praveen Kumar Shetty faction) gathered at Udyavara on the National Highway 66 in Udupi to show black flag to the Chief Minister. The activists were opposing Tamil Nadu taking objection to the proposed Mekedatu Irrigation Project. But they were taken into preventive custody by police.

It may be mentioned here that former Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu the late J. Jayalalitha and M. G. Ramachandran too had visited the Kollur temple when in power.

Three students injured as ceiling plaster collapses in PU college

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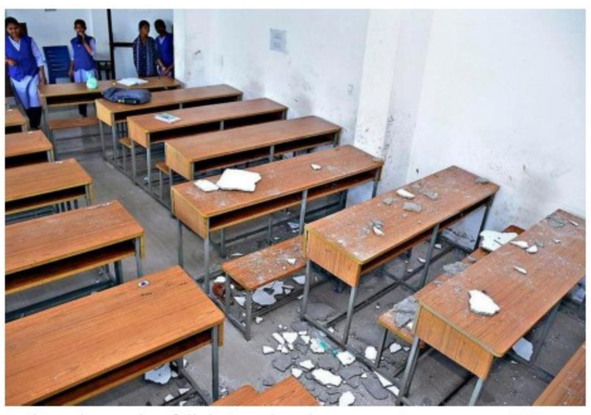

Ceiling plaster that fell during class hours at a Government PU College for Girls in Kalaburagi on Friday. ARUN KULKARNI

Three girl students suffered minor injuries after a portion of the ceiling plaster collapsed inside a classroom of the Government Pre-University College for Girls in Kalaburagi on Friday. The incident occurred around 10.30 a.m. while a first-year Commerce class was in progress at the college located opposite the old Superintendent of Police's office.

More than 80 students were reportedly present in the classroom when chunks of plaster detached from the ceiling and fell, triggering panic among students.

The injured students were identified as Sheetal Basavaraj, Divya Subhash and Sneha Kashinath.

College staff immediately shifted them to the District Trauma Centre where they have been admitted for treatment.

Deputy Commissioner Ikram Shariff and Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Rahul Sankanur, who visited the hospital, enquired about the health of the students. The officials reviewed their medical condition with doctors who informed them that CT scans and other diagnostic tests have been conducted and that all three students are in stable condition.

Speaking to reporters after the visit, Mr. Shariff said that one student suffered a head injury, while the other two suffered injuries to their shoulders and back after being struck by the falling plaster.

Doctors have advised that there is no cause for concern, he said and added that the students will remain under observation in the hospital for 24 hours. The Deputy Commissioner directed doctors to provide treatment in accordance with medical protocol and consult specialists, if required. He also said that parents of the students have been informed and told that there is no need to panic.

The incident has raised concern about the condition and maintenance of government educational institutions. Parents and local residents said that inadequate upkeep and structural deterioration may have contributed to the accident and demanded accountability from the authorities concerned.

Kalaburagi South MLA Allamprabhu Patil, who visited the college, expressed concern over the quality of construction of the building.

He said that officials have been instructed to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the incident, including whether deficiencies in construction or maintenance were responsible for the collapse.

Meanwhile, the district administration has sought a report from the officials concerned on whether adequate preventive measures have been taken to ensure the safety of students.

Authorities have also been directed to assess the structural safety of the building and undertake necessary corrective measures to prevent similar incidents in future.

DDPU Suresh Akkanna, District Health Officer Sharanabasappa Kyatanal and other officials accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the hospital visit.

Man loses way in Hemmadga forest, rescued

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Forest officers rescued a 65-year-old farmer who lost his way in the Hemmadga forest near Khanapur in Belagavi district on Friday. Hemanna Madar entered the forest to graze cattle on Thursday. But only the animals returned home at night. Alarmed, the family members called Range Forest Officer S.S. Nadaf. He informed Assistant Conservator of Forests Basavaraj Walad who then ordered the formation of rescue teams.

Personnel carried out a search for nearly 10 hours.

Hemanna Madar was found in the morning and brought back home.

Compensation due to sandalwood farmer deposited in High Court, clarifies NHAI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Friday clarified that the compensation due to T.N. Vishukumar, a sandalwood farmer who allegedly attempted to end his life near Vidhana Soudha while claiming prolonged delays in compensation by the NHAI, has been deposited in the High Court.

Mr. Vishukumar, a farmer and sandalwood cultivator from Haliyur village in Tarikere taluk, allegedly attempted to take his life as a form of protest on June 2 near Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. According to the police, Vishukumar alleged that 1.5 acres of his land was acquired by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in 2016 for a highway project. He claimed that the NHAI had reduced the compensation amount and delayed its payment. However, the NHAI stated that compensation for the sandalwood trees on Vishukumar's land was assessed and paid as per the rates determined by the Forest Department.

Subsequently, the High Court enhanced the compensation amount. "The NHAI accepted the enhanced compensation and deposited the requisite amount before the court. However, the landowner declined to accept the compensation amount deposited through the due legal process," statement said.

"Mr. Vishukumar has repeatedly obstructed tree-felling activities undertaken under the supervision and approval of the Forest Department for the highway project. In this regard, complaints were filed by both the Range Forest Officer (RFO) and the NHAI with the authorities concerned," the statement added.

Apex court refers row between IPS, IAS officers to mediation

Supreme Court appoints former SC judge Kurian Joseph as mediator to facilitate a settlement between IPS officer D. Roopa Moudgil and IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri; court says both of them are destroying each other's careers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court's intervention comes over three years after a public spat between D. Roopa Moudgil and, right, Rohini Sindhuri culminated in defamation proceedings against each other and claims for damages of ₹1 crore. FILE PHOTOS

The Supreme Court on Friday directed IPS officer D. Roopa Moudgil and IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri to attempt resolution of their long-running dispute through mediation, observing that their inability to arrive at a conciliatory settlement was "destroying" their careers.

A Bench of Justices Satish Chandra Sharma and Sanjeev Sachdeva appointed former Supreme Court judge Kurian Joseph as mediator to facilitate a settlement between the two officers.

"Both of them are destroying each other's careers... In the present case, this court is of the opinion that the matter can be resolved by way of mediation. Kurian Joseph, a retired Supreme Court judge, is appointed as the mediator. The parties shall appear before Mr. Joseph," the Bench said.

The court's intervention comes more than three years after a public spat between the two senior Karnataka officers culminated in defamation proceedings against each other and claims for damages of ₹1 crore.

In February, the Karnataka High Court dismissed a petition filed by Ms. Sindhuri challenging criminal defamation proceedings initiated on a complaint lodged by Ms. Moudgil. The High Court upheld the trial court's order taking cognisance of Ms. Moudgil's complaint, observing that it was "meticulous and exhaustive" and did not warrant interference.

Earlier, the top court had directed Ms. Moudgil to remove social media posts concerning Ms. Sindhuri after a previous attempt at mediation failed.

"I have taken down the posts/statements with respect to the respondent from my Facebook/social media account profile," Ms. Moudgil had stated in an affidavit filed before the court. "Though the respondent had objected to only some specific posts of mine in her complaint, in due deference to the observations of this Hon'ble Court, I have taken down all the posts with respect to the respondent," the affidavit had added.

According to Ms. Sindhuri, Ms. Moudgil shared photographs, made allegations on social media and issued statements to the media questioning her personal and professional conduct with the intent of damaging her reputation among colleagues and the public.

The complaint was filed under Section 500 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) dealing with defamation and sought damages of ₹1 crore.

The dispute first came into the public domain in 2023 after Ms. Moudgil levelled a series of allegations against Ms. Sindhuri. The IAS officer denied the allegations and accused the IPS officer of carrying out a false and personal vilification campaign. She had also sought an unconditional written apology and damages of ₹1 crore for the alleged loss of reputation and mental agony caused by the statements.

DKS seeks President's Colour award for Karnataka police

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Urging the Centre to sanction two more battalions of the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) for Karnataka, Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday gave the State's wishlist to Union Home Minister Amit Shah that included upgradation of prisons and the Police Department besides seeking President's Colour award for the Karnataka police. The proposal to confer the President's Colour award to the Karnataka police has been pending since May, 2024.

IRB batallions

Seeking the release of ₹243.87 crore to set up IRB battalions at Vijayanagara and Bengaluru South districts, the proposal for which was made in February, 2025, the Chief Minister, in a petition, has sought approval of ₹280 crore to set up command and control centres in four major cities, and installation of CCTV cameras in police stations at a cost of ₹278.26 crore under the Assistance to States and Union Territories for Modernisation of Police scheme, 2025-2026.

Mr. Shivakumar has also sought ₹258.53 crore to upgrade infrastructure in police training schools as per guidelines under gap analysis of Bureau of Police Research and Development, and ₹20 crore for modernisation of prisons, including purchase of CCTV cameras, walkie-talkies, and other security equipment.

Karnataka is also submitting a proposal to allow access for the police to seek CSR funds under Schedule VII of Companies Act, 2013.

The State has also sought extension of deadline to implement Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989's Rule 52 A that pertains to mandatory scrapping and expiration of government-owned motor vehicles after 15 years from their initial registration date. The State is also set to submit a proposal to set up Karnataka Cyber Crime Control and Coordination Unit at a cost of ₹360 crore for which funds have been sought from the Centre.

Water resources

Meanwhile, Mr. Shivakumar, who was accompanied by Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy, met Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil seeking resolution to pending irrigation issues.

Among those included delay in providing approvals to Mekedatu drinking water project, delay in notification of Krishna River Water Dispute Tribunal II award, ₹5,300 crore in Centre's funding for Upper Bhadra project, delay in approvals for Kalasa -Banduri drinking water scheme, and just allocation for Karnataka in inter-linking of river projects.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Shivakumar met President Draupadi Murmu and Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan as part of courtesy visit.

Kharge receives election certificate, says it might be his last term in Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge receiving his Rajya Sabha election certificate from the Returning Officer in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday received his certificate of election after being elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka for a second consecutive term. Speaking while signing the certificate, the veteran leader said this could mostly be his last term in the Upper House..

Mr. Kharge was welcomed by many including Ministers Sharan Prakash Patil, Eshwar Khandre and Yathindra Siddaramaiah, along with MLAs A.S. Ponnanna, Ashok Pattan, Narendra Swamy and other party leaders.

Senior Ministers, MLAs, and MLCs had gathered at the Vidhana Soudha to greet the AICC president. Several ministerial aspirants and leaders considered close to Mr. Kharge were also present and congratulated him on his re-election.

Accompanied by legislators, Legislative Council members and supporters, Mr. Kharge proceeded to the office of Returning Officer Vishalakshi and received the certificate. He later visited the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) office and interacted with legislators.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Kharge described the occasion as a significant milestone in his political journey and thanked the people of Karnataka and the Congress leadership for reposing faith in him.

"I have got an opportunity to serve the people for the 13th time. I thank the people of Kalaburagi, the people of Karnataka, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, party leaders and workers," he said.

Recalling his long political tenure, Mr. Kharge said he had first entered the legislature in 1972 and had witnessed several political and social changes over the past six decades.

"I have seen many ups and downs during these 60 years. There have been changes across sectors and among all sections of society," he said. He said the party leadership had repeatedly entrusted him with responsibilities and opportunities to serve the people.

Responding to questions on the rejection of Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination in Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Kharge termed the decision "illegal" and "anti-democratic."

Karnataka expands free bus pass scheme

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BENGALURU

The scheme will now include students from the State studying in institutions outside Karnataka

The Karnataka government has expanded its free bus pass scheme to include students from the State studying in institutions outside Karnataka.

The Transport Department on Friday also issued guidelines for the distribution of free passes to male students, bringing them under the ambit of the scheme. Students – both boys and girls – will now be allowed to travel free of cost on buses operated by KSRTC, KKRTC, NWKRTC and BMTC.

Eligibility criteria

As per the guidelines, with effect from June 12, 2026, free bus passes will be issued to all students in the State. Existing eligibility criteria for student bus passes, including academic requirements, distance limits and pass validity, will continue to apply. Students can apply online through the Seva Sindhu portal by submitting the necessary documents.

Those who have already purchased bus passes can continue to use them for travel.

The government has assured students that the amount paid will be refunded within 15 days. At present, 19,792 students have bought passes by paying the prescribed fee and are set to receive reimbursements.

Scheme coverage

According to the guidelines, the scheme will also cover students residing in Karnataka but studying in neighbouring states, as well as those living in border areas outside the state and pursuing education within Karnataka.

In addition, each student issued a free bus pass will be covered under accident insurance, with the government bearing a monthly premium of ₹5 per student. A processing fee of ₹100 per pass will also be paid by the government to transport corporations.

The State government estimates an annual expenditure of ₹286.08 crore for the scheme, and the guidelines state that the government will reimburse this amount to the four corporations.

Dharmasthala case: Chinnaiah claims ₹200 crore was budget for 'false campaign'

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Karnataka High Court issues notice to SIT on plea to complete probe

The High Court of Karnataka has ordered issue of notice to the State government and the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on a petition, which has sought direction to SIT to complete investigation in Dharmasthala case, while claiming that ₹200 crore was the budget for carrying out alleged false campaign against the Dharmasthala temple and prominent persons associated with it.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj ordered issue of notice on a petition filed by Chinna C.N alias Chinnaiah, 50, who had initially alleged that there were mass burial of dead bodies of sexually assaulted women pointing fingers at persons associated with the temple. He later retracted his allegations and told the trial court that his statements were false and he had made them "as instructed by a group of activists."

Funding from Kerala

Narrating how activists - Girish Mattennavar, Mahesh Shetty Thimarody, T. Jayant, Vittala Gowda, three YouTubers, a group of advocates from Bengaluru -- had allegedly lured him with money and later threatened to kill him and his wife, it has been claimed in the petition that he was told by the activists that they were receiving funds from Kerala and attempts were on to get a SIT constituted in Kerala before the Karnataka government does the same.

Chinnaiah has claimed in the petition that the activists were paying him in the range of ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 at regular intervals and that they had offered him to pay a total ₹50 lakh if he gave statement against D. Veerendra Heggade and others.

It has also been claimed in the petition that a leading actor from the south also spoke to him over phone through Mattennavar and asked him him to follow the instructions of the activists.

Alleging that he was assaulted and abused by activists when they were not happy with his statement to the police sometimes, Chinnaiah has claimed that he had tried to end his life in the house of Shetty a few days before he made up his mind to confess before the SIT.

Chinnaiah, who had worked as a sanitary worker in the Dharmasthala gram panchayat till 2014 was initially treated as a witness with anonymity due to the nature of allegations.

However, after he claimed that this allegations were false and he was "tutored" by the activists, he was named as accused number-1 in the preliminary chargesheet filed by the SIT in November, 2025, while arraigning Mattennavar, Thimarody, Jayant, and Gowda as co-accused.

Council polls in Karnataka: Resort politcs set to return?

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BENGALURU

The polls to seven seats in the Legislative Council are on June 18.

Ahead of the polls to seven seats in Karnataka's Legislative Council on June 18, the Congress and associate legislators are likely to be herded to a resort on the outskirts of Bengaluru to keep the flock safe.

While the Congress is expected to win four seats comfortably, it is locked in a close fight with the Janata Dal (Secular) over one seat. The BJP is expected to win two seats comfortably.

CLP meeting

Congress sources said that the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting has been convened for June 16 evening, following which MLAs are likely to be asked to stay back in the resort. They could be brought to the Vidhana Soudha directly to cast their ballot on June 18, sources said.

Another source said that it is likely that the legislators would be informed of the allocation of the votes to the candidates, given awareness of the election, which is held on preferential voting system and mock voting is likely to be held. An important thing is to ensure that the votes do not become invalid since every vote is important in this election, sources said, adding that the secret ballot in the election brings anxiety to the poll preparation as cross-voting could be expected.

In the election to the seven seats, the Congress's candidates, KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad, P. V. Mohan, Tippannappa Kamaknoor, and B.S. Shivanna, are expected to win comfortably along with the BJP's Lingaraj Patil and Raghu Kautilya. With each candidate requiring 28 votes, all these candidates are expected to sail through comfortably.

The election to one seat remains tantalisingly close in which Janata Dal (Secular) candidate Govindraju is pitted against Vinay Karthik, who has filed as the fifth candidate from the Congress.

Additional votes

While the BJP is expected to transfer seven additional votes to the JD(S), which has 18 members, the regional party will fall short of 28 by two votes after counting in BJP's expelled member Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal.

On the other hand, the Congress seems to have just about the required number of 28 votes, including that of one Raitha Sangha member, two associate members and support from two members expelled from the BJP.

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West Asia conflict: A.P.'s seafarers caught in the line of fire

Paul Nicodemus
VISAKHAPATNAM

The human cost of the crisis acquired a face this week. Patnala Suresh, 44, a chief engineer from Visakhapatnam, was among three Indian seafarers killed in a U.S. strike on the MT Settebello in the Gulf of Oman on June 10. His wife, Bhargavi, left to care for two school-going children, has appealed to the Central and State governments to expedite the repatriation of his remains.

Within four days, two other vessels carrying Indian crews were also attacked in the Gulf of Oman. On June 8, the MT Marivex was struck, and all 24 Indians aboard were rescued. The MT Jalveer was targeted near Shinas port, Oman, on June 11; all 20 Indian crew members aboard were evacuated safely. India supplies roughly 12% to 15% of the world's seafarers. Andhra Pradesh contributes disproportionately to that number. S.V. Durga Prasad, a marine engineer and consultant at the Indian Maritime University, said there could be around 2,500 marine engineers from the region at sea, rising to more than 5,000 if ratings and support crew were included. In coastal villages around Visakhapatnam, almost every household has at least one family member working on a ship. Suresh's case illustrates a pattern that has gone largely unacknowledged: seafarers stranded well past their contractual periods, unable to be relieved because sending replacement crews into a conflict zone has become almost impossible.

"Knowing the present situation, very few people are willing to go into a war zone to relieve those already stranded," Mr. Durga Prasad said. So existing crews remain trapped until a port of safety is reached.

The nature of the vessels compounds the danger.

Most ships in the region carry oil, LNG, LPG or chemical cargo. A captain, who has sailed the strait, on the condition of anonymity, said even a minor breach could release vapours that ignite instantly, and that shipboard firefighting systems were not designed to handle missile or drone strikes. The Indian Navy has been escorting vessels in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman, but stops short of the strait itself, leaving the most dangerous stretch of the journey without protection. Prabal Kumar Mohanty, a retired chief engineer who served at a senior rank for over five years, including voyages through the strait during the Iran-Iraq conflict, said the mental toll on stranded crews was severe.

Sailing then with the United Arab Shipping Company alongside crews from Iraq, Syria, Bahrain and Jordan, Mr. Mohanty recalled deck officers discussing ships being blown out of the water. "There is a lot of mental trauma that sailors go through. They are always under tension," he said.

India summoned the U.S. charge d'affaires following the Settebello strike and lodged a formal protest.

Andhra Pradesh Minister for NRI Empowerment and Relations Kondapalli Srinivas expressed grief over Suresh's death and said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had directed officials to extend all possible assistance to the family.

No new cases of Nipah in Kozhikode; 3 hospitalised

Ten more added to the updated contact list, taking total number of contacts under surveillance to 87; health workers intensify surveillance measures; NCDC to extend support at the district level

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KOZHIKODE

A security guard installs a warning board outside a Nipah isolation ward at the Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode. PTI

No new cases of Nipah virus infection has been detected in Kozhikode district, Kerala Health Minister K. Muraleedharan said on Thursday.

However, three individuals currently under quarantine have been admitted to hospital for observation, and their samples have been sent for testing.

The patient undergoing treatment after testing positive for the virus has been administered the first dose of a monoclonal antibody therapy in accordance with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guidelines and on the recommendation of the medical Board.

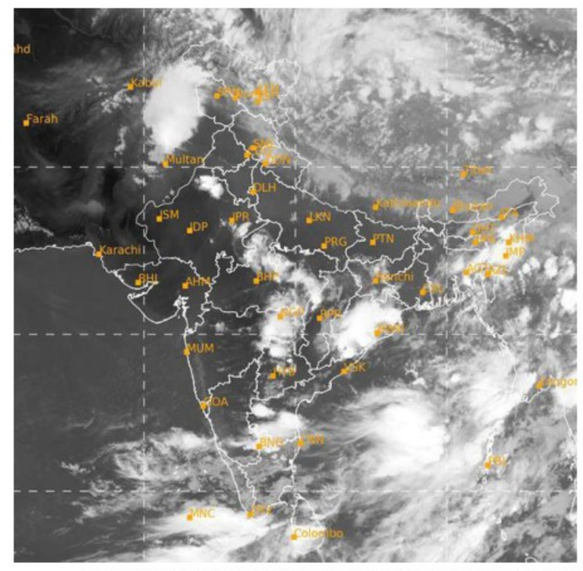
The Minister said 10 more people had been added to the updated contact list, taking the total number of existing contacts under surveillance to 87 on Friday. Of them, four were categorised as highest-risk contacts, 16 as high-risk and 67 as low-risk contacts.

As part of the intensified field-level surveillance measures, health workers conducted a house-to-house survey in 286 households in ward 5 of the Ramanattukara municipality, where the Nipah case was reported. Twelve persons with fever were identified during the comprehensive survey completed on Friday. None of them exhibited symptoms associated with Nipah infection.

A meeting of the rapid response team was held in Ramanattukara to review the containment zone management plans and surveillance activities. Health Department sources said a team of experts from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) would soon come up with their scientific field report by assessing the situation and extend their support to the Health Department staff at the district level.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha and Kerala. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Telangana, Vidarbha and Rajasthan. Hot and humid weather likely at isolated places over Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	33.0	24.1	Kurnool	0.2	37.6	27.0
Ahmedabad	—	42.7	29.7	Lucknow	—	36.1	26.5
Aizawl	40.4	30.3	19.6	Madurai	—	40.0	27.2
Bengaluru	—	29.6	21.7	Mangaluru	16	28.9	24.0
Bhopal	—	39.4	29.0	Mumbai	—	35.2	30.1
Bhubaneswar	0.4	37.6	26.8	Mysuru	—	32.2	21.0
Chandigarh	32	34.0	21.0	New Delhi	11	34.6	22.8
Chennai	—	33.8	29.7	Patna	0.4	35.6	25.8
Coimbatore	—	29.8	22.2	Port Blair	113	28.5	23.2
Dehradun	43.2	33.2	19.5	Prayagraj	—	39.0	27.6
Gangtok	9	21.5	17.4	Puducherry	—	37.5	28.7
Goa	—	34.2	28.0	Pune	—	36.2	25.8
Guwahati	—	34.7	26.2	Raipur	38	37.8	22.0
Hubballi	—	31.0	23.0	Ranchi	40	31.4	21.0
Hyderabad	—	36.7	27.7	Shillong	—	23.0	18.0
Imphal	11	26.3	23.9	Shimla	20	22.5	13.4
Jaipur	—	38.9	26.2	Srinagar	4	23.8	13.6
Kochi	30	29.4	24.8	Thiruvananthapuram	63	31.0	24.5
Kohima	—	23.0	19.0	Tiruchirappalli	—	37.3	28.4
Kolkata	12	34.8	25.1	Vijayawada	—	35.0	27.0
Kozhikode	13	30.4	24.5	Visakhapatnam	—	34.5	29.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	.12	.53	43	106	
Bengaluru	6	4	.38	65	90	
Chennai	5	.13	.52	41	53	
Delhi	.15	.33	.82	39	101	
Hyderabad	.14	.15	.38	63	90	
Kolkata	.14	.24	.23	66	94	
Lucknow	8	.42	.34	71	87	
Mumbai	.29	6	.14	84	90	
Pune	.—	.42	105	36	66	
Visakhapatnam	.22	.51	.14	68	158	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bikaner, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 266 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ED issues fresh summons to Pinarayi's daughter Veena in CMRL pay-off case

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has reportedly issued a fresh summons to Veena T., daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, asking her to appear at its Kochi office on June 17 in connection with the probe into the alleged pay-off case involving Exalogic Solutions Private Limited, Ms. Veena's now-defunct firm, and Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL).

She was supposed to appear before the ED for questioning on Friday. The fresh summons comes in the wake of her request to postpone her appearance citing health grounds. She is supposed to appear at 10 a.m. with relevant documents.

The ED had summoned Ms. Veena along with Sasidharan Kartha, chairman and managing director of CMRL, and senior company officials on June 9 as part of the probe. The others have been asked to appear on June 15.

The ED had on May 27 raided the residences of Mr. Vijayan as part of the probe into whether Ms. Veena's now-defunct firm had received sizeable monthly retainers from the CMRL, a public limited company, during the 2017-2021 period allegedly without rendering any tangible service. It has also been accused that Empower India Capital Investments Private Ltd., operated by Mr. Kartha, had extended loans worth ₹50 lakh to Exalogic despite it allegedly failing to make timely repayments.

During the course of the raids, the ED had frozen ₹18.36 crore in 242 accounts identified during the search operations held in the pay-off case. It had claimed that the searches held as part of the probe yielded several incriminating records, accounts, digital evidences, investments and fixed deposits in banks. The ED had held searches in Mr. Vijayan's residences as well as the residence of former Minister and Ms. Veena's husband P.A. Mohamed Riyas.

A special court for the trial of Companies Act offences in Kochi had on June 8 allowed the ED to obtain copies of documents collected by the SFIO in connection with the money-laundering case linked to the CMRL pay-off case. Ernakulam Additional District and Sessions Judge Suresh Babu V.P.M. allowed a petition filed by the ED seeking copies of documents gathered by the SFIO, which had investigated the alleged fictitious expenses submitted by the CMRL before the Income Tax Settlement Commission.

'BJP trying to create a one-party system'

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday alleged that the BJP was behaving like North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, trying to create a one-party electoral system in the country, and the Meenakshi Natarajan episode was part of that plan.

He alleged that after stealing votes, the BJP was now stealing seats and its decision to field a third candidate despite lacking the necessary numbers reflects its intention.

In an informal interaction with presspersons in New Delhi on Friday, he said after illegally snatching Ms. Natarajan's seat, the BJP and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) were indulging in a misinformation campaign to divert attention. The allegations of 'coverts' in Congress were being spread only to divert attention from the BJP's illegal actions.

Earlier, he met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and discussed the party affairs in Telangana.

Cabinet expansion

On speculation regarding a possible Telangana Cabinet expansion, the Chief Minister dismissed media reports.

AMMA issues notices to top members

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The Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) has issued show-cause notices to its executive committee members Joy Mathew, Lakshmipriya, and Tini Tom for allegedly tarnishing its image through public statements.

The decision to seek explanations from the members was taken at the association's executive committee meeting on June 3. The association had sent a similar notice to member Ansiba Hassan, former joint secretary, on June 10.

The notice stated that the executive committee had taken note of the statements and interviews made by the members in the media relating to the association and their disputes with certain members.

The members have been told to submit their replies within a week. Mr. Mathew said on Friday that he had submitted his reply to the notice. He said the details of his response could not be disclosed in public as it was "an internal matter" related to the association.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that my client Mr. SURENDRANATH.M.R, Aged about 45 Years, S/o. Mr.Ramakrishnappa.M, Residing at: No.23, Shanthi Layout Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, 8th Cross, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore-560016, intend to purchase the schedule property with its owner Mrs.K.DEVI VIMALA, Aged about 64 Years, W/o. Mr.Kadirasan, Residing at: No.61, Banshankari Nilaya, Manjunatha Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Banaglore-560016, she was purchased the schedule property by way of registered sale deed which is registered as vide bearing document No.752/1997-98, Book-1, Volume 1388, at pages 229 to 233, Dated on 02-05-1997, document recorded on 25-10-1997, registered in the office of Sub-Registered K.R.Pura, Bangalore in respect of the schedule property which is more fully described in the schedule given below. If any persons claiming or objections or rights with regard to the Schedule Property they are required to send the same with documentary evidence within Ten (10) days from the date of this Public Notice hereof my client shall be at liberty to proceed with the registration of the sale deed if there is no any claims or objection in the regard to the Schedule Property within the stipulated time.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the Site No.60, Khatha No.812/1264/35-60, E-PID No.2436838439, formed out of Property No.35, Situated at Kowdenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bangalore East City Corporation, Ward No.26, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in total Measuring 1200 Square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by:-
East by : 20 Feet Road,
West by : Site No.87,
North by : Site No.59,
South by : Site No.61,
T.RAMESH KUMAR &
MANJULA RAMESH Advocates
No.384, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Extension, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Ph.No.9845601026
Bengaluru Date : 13-06-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the schedule property from Smt. Shanthi Santhosh who had acquired the same through a registered sale deed dated 18-11-2015 registered as Document No. JAY-1-06843-2015-16 stored in CD No. JAYD238 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore executed by Mr. Hassan Younus Sheriff and Mrs. Shahida Begum Rabia. Said property was previously purchased by Smt. Shama Hassan and Mrs. Shahida Begum Rabia jointly. Mr. Hassan Younus Sheriff claims that Smt. Shama Hassan is his wife and she died on 07-09-2014 and that they have no children and he is the only legal heir to Mrs. Shahida Begum Rabia to succeed to the schedule property.
It is therefore requested that the general public who have any claim over the schedule property or objection for the proposed purchase shall lodge such claim/objection in writing along with supporting documents with the undersigned within one week from the date of publication of this notice. If no such claim or objection is received, my client will complete the deal as proposed. Time barred claim will not be entertained.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the vacant site No. 1797/32, Banashankari 6th Stage, Vrushabhavathi Nagar Layout, 4th Block, formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore measuring East to West: 9.00 Meters, North to South: 6.00 Meters in all measuring 54.00 Sq. Meters, bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No. 1797/23, North by: Site No. 1787/33, South by: Site No. 1797/31.
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Strategic stalemate

The U.S. should lift the blockade before asking Iran to open the Hormuz Strait

President Donald Trump's decision to back off from striking Iran, just hours after threatening to seize the country's Kharg Island, underscores the dilemma he faces in dealing with Tehran. Mr. Trump, who launched the conflict with his ally Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on February 28, now wants to end it through talks. But Iran, which survived 40 days of U.S.-Israeli bombing and now controls the Strait of Hormuz, appears unwilling to hand him a diplomatic victory. Caught between an uncontrollable Israel, whose bombing of Lebanon threatens the fragile U.S.-Iran ceasefire, and an emboldened Iran that has become increasingly defiant and intransigent, Mr. Trump reverted to his familiar playbook of using military pressure to alter Tehran's negotiating position. On Wednesday he ordered strikes on Iran after confirming that a U.S. Apache helicopter had been shot down over the Strait of Hormuz. Iran retaliated by striking U.S. bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and Jordan. After two nights of tit-for-tat strikes, Mr. Trump backed off on Thursday, claiming progress in talks. Over the past two months, he has claimed dozens of times that a deal with Iran was within reach. In the war's escalation cycle, Mr. Trump takes one step forward, two steps back.

When Mr. Trump despatched his "armada" to Iran's shores in February, he wanted to force Tehran into submission through military pressure. The U.S. and Israel had an ambitious list of demands, including dismantling Iran's nuclear programme, degrading its missile capabilities and ending its support for non-state militias. When the U.S. and Israel launched the war, they wanted regime change in Tehran. More than three months later, the war, which failed to achieve any of its declared objectives, has hardened Iran's positions. If Iran was willing to make concessions on its nuclear programme on February 27, it now insists that any discussion on the nuclear file can take place only after the U.S.-Israeli hostilities cease and the blockade is lifted. The war has fundamentally altered the strategic reality of the region. Yes, Iran has absorbed significant military and economic costs, but it has emerged strategically stronger by taking control of the Hormuz Strait and effectively trapping the U.S. in a costly stalemate. Rather than chasing a delusional Iranian surrender, Washington should adopt a phased, realistic diplomatic approach. The priority should be to enforce and extend the ceasefire in good faith and lift the blockade in exchange for Iran reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Once stability is restored, both sides can return to substantive talks on Iran's nuclear programme and work towards a durable end to the conflict.

Long overdue

Coal exchanges can balance out energy scarcities across India

Unveiled at a time of record domestic coal production, the Coal Exchange Rules, 2026, are a case of better-late-than-never. They will create a broad market-based mechanism through regulated trading platforms for the lynchpin of India's energy system – coal. They are aimed at enhancing price discovery, transparency, access for small consumers, as well as, one would hope, reduce bilateral agreements that are often opaque and come with a whiff of graft, too often. Today, most coal transactions between producers and buyers take place through long-term contracts, primarily for the power sector, followed by auctions, imports and captive mining. While India's commodity exchanges are well established, they function largely as financial markets rather than physical delivery platforms. Coal exchanges, however, appear closer in design to power exchanges, which, despite modest volumes, play a role in price discovery, market signalling and the development of secondary markets. As if to prove this point, coal exchanges are expected to serve the non-regulated sector, which relies on Coal India auctions where coal is often sold at a premium to the highest bidder. Power exchanges are not merely niche trading platforms; they serve as points of reference for the broader power market. They have enhanced price discovery and served as a balancing market without replacing long-term power purchase agreements. Initially the power exchanges were only balancing shortages, but eventually the spot prices became a barometer of the broader power market indicating scarcity, surplus and system stresses for all electricity stakeholders. Perhaps the first role of coal exchanges could be to open up inventories, allowing surpluses to balance out shortages across India.

The templates for the two exchanges are not very different though the specific rules framed by the Coal Controller Organisation of India will determine the success of coal exchanges. Just as with the successes, the failures of power exchanges can also serve as lessons learned for coal. Coal is not as fungible as electricity, which once generated is the same everywhere requiring only minimum standards. Coal quality varies widely. Therefore, robust standards and quality assurance are as important as contract design, liquidity creation and enforcement. The latter set of requirements will ensure that major producers and consumers are drawn to the coal exchanges. The emphasis should be on facilitating participation of retail consumers unlike power exchanges, which are dominated by discoms. Coal India's stance will be crucial. Besides safeguards against volatility, dispute resolution mechanisms and improved transportation logistics will be important too, since the coal exchanges will be physical delivery platforms.

Equality of treatment for Persons with Disabilities

Sushil Kumar

Former Secretary, Government of India, and an Advocate in the Supreme Court and High Court

Addressing the digital divide through the Digital India Mission, India has marched on towards becoming a global "best practice" model of a digital welfare state. Yet, Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) remain largely excluded from this promise of universal outreach. Disability pensions, contrary to the very principles underlying disability rights, are determined not by the nature or extent of disability but by domicile, the discretionary decisions of State governments, and cumbersome bureaucratic processes. As a result, a vulnerable section of citizens continues to remain outside the ambit of a welfare architecture that otherwise prides itself on inclusivity and last-mile delivery.

An inadequate safety net

The 2011 Census recorded 2.68 crore PwDs. Today, accounting for population growth and changing disease profiles, their number is conservatively estimated at 4.5 crore-6 crore. Although the Supreme Court of India has recognised the right to live with dignity as a fundamental right and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides legal protection, disability benefits – especially pensions – remain fragmented, discretionary, and inadequate. As a result, the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme covers only a small fraction of PwDs, while pension amounts in most States range from just ₹300 to ₹500 a month, with a few offering ₹1,000-₹3,000.

India spends barely 0.02% of GDP on disability welfare including pensions. South Africa spends 0.12%-0.15% of GDP (six times more); Brazil 0.45%-0.50% (20 times more); OECD countries 2.2% (110 times more) and Australia 0.35%-0.40% (20 times more).

Beyond politics, sound economics demands the inclusion of PwDs. The World Bank and UNDP estimate that low- and middle-income countries lose 3%-7% of GDP when PwDs are excluded from education, employment, and social security. Disability income improves household stability, rural consumption, and labour participation. Studies show fiscal multipliers of 1.4-1.6, while the 2025 Pro Bono Economics report found that the socio-economic returns from disability pensions exceed their costs by nearly 48%. Far from being a welfare expense, disability pensions are an investment and an effective economic stimulus.

India must establish a Minimum Universal Disability Pension Floor Rate (MUDPFR) to give effect to the state's constitutional obligation, under Article 41, to provide public assistance to persons with disabilities, and to operationalise Section 24 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which guarantees adequate social security, including pension benefits. Such a measure would translate the promise of inclusive growth and "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" into reality by shifting disability pensions from a matter of charity and discretion to a matter of citizenship rights. While ensuring that no disabled person receives less than a minimum pension regardless of where they live, a MUDPFR would still allow States to provide additional top-ups.

India must adopt a minimum universal disability pension floor rate

This is not an unrealistic proposal. South Africa provides a national disability grant with uniform eligibility norms; Brazil's BPC guarantees a national minimum income; and Australia and New Zealand operate nationwide disability pension systems. Several developing countries, including Kenya, Rwanda, Thailand and Indonesia, also provide disability income support at the national level. International experience shows that centrally set standards promote uniformity, universality and portability.

A MUDPFR of ₹8,000 per month for 40 lakh beneficiaries would cost about ₹38,400 crore annually (0.08% of GDP), while ₹10,000 for 65 lakh beneficiaries would cost ₹78,000 crore. Even a pension of ₹15,000 per month would keep expenditure below 0.2% of GDP. Such spending is fiscally manageable when compared with allocations for food subsidies (₹2.05 lakh crore), rural development (₹1.80 lakh crore), tax concessions and revenue foregone (₹1.72 lakh crore), and infrastructure (₹11.11 lakh crore). Yet, disability pensions and inclusion continue to receive only a tiny fraction of public expenditure.

From fragmentation to integration

The current disability pension system, shared between the Ministry of Rural Development and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, leads to duplication, delays and diffused accountability. Countries that have faced similar challenges have addressed them through a single national authority – South Africa's SASSA, Australia's NDIA, Brazil's INSS and Ireland's Department of Social Protection. India too needs a National Disability Pension Authority to oversee eligibility norms, a national registry, portability, digital integration, grievance redress and State-wise performance monitoring – one standard, one system, one nation.

Implementing a robust disability pension system would strengthen India's bid for a UN Security Council seat by translating its commitments into action under Article 28 of the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ILO Recommendation No. 202, SDG 1.3, and the G-20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, all of which endorse social protection as a cornerstone of inclusive development.

Combining pensions with employment support can move persons with disabilities from mere survival to productive participation. A MUDPFR could also yield economic benefits. Countries such as Singapore, South Korea, South Africa and Brazil integrate disability pensions with employment and social security systems. India should similarly strengthen its fragmented Disability Employment Incentive Scheme. Models abroad include employer tax incentives in Nigeria, the U.K.'s Access to Work programme, and Australia's wage subsidies. Existing schemes such as PM-DAKSH, NAPS and State-level employer incentives provide a foundation for expansion.

Constitutional imperative

A MUDPFR would give effect to the Constitution's guarantees of equality, equal protection, dignity and the right to life. India has already standardised major welfare programmes – from food security and health care to PM-KISAN and pensions – and delivers benefits at scale through DBT and UPI. The capacity and technology exist. What is needed is the political will to prioritise dignity. Disability pensions remain one of the few entitlements determined by where a person lives. If dignity is a constitutional right, geography cannot decide the minimum support for survival.

More than an economic or administrative reform, a MUDPFR is a moral one. It affirms that persons with disabilities are rights-bearing citizens, not recipients of charity. By transforming the state from a benevolent provider into a constitutional guarantor, it strengthens dignity, inclusion and citizenship.

Should India continue with a system in which disability pensions vary according to State budgets, political priorities and bureaucratic complexities, leaving persons with disabilities vulnerable to hardship? Or should the Republic guarantee a minimum level of support for all? A Viksit Bharat cannot leave its most vulnerable citizens at the mercy of a postcode lottery. Federalism cannot be a justification for inequality.

A MUDPFR is the next logical step in India's welfare architecture, building on rights-based entitlements enabled by digital inclusion and DBT. It would humanise the state, uphold the dignity of persons with disabilities and strengthen the Republic.

Over the past 75 years, India has steadily expanded its welfare state in pursuit of social justice. With the necessary platforms and delivery systems now in place, the time has come to secure the foundation. The real question is whether India recognises dignity for persons with disabilities as a constitutional right and a collective obligation. That promise is long overdue, and a MUDPFR offers a way to fulfil it.

The 8th CPC — a chance to reform pay commissions

Prem Kumar Nair

Retired Indian Army officer (colonel) with an interest in governing architecture and systems

As India moves toward the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC), public discussion has largely centred on familiar themes – fitment factors, salary revisions and arrears. Yet, the larger question may not be how much compensation should increase, but whether the framework for determining public compensation remains coherent, equitable, and fiscally sustainable. This is not merely an administrative matter. The manner in which the state structures salaries, allowances and pensions reflects broader institutional priorities and influences public confidence in governance.

The framework deficit

Over the decades, Pay Commissions have become far more than wage-revision exercises. Their recommendations shape inter-service parity, long-term fiscal commitments and the institutional balance within the state. Yet, the process remains narrow, with a small, time-bound body tasked with evaluating a diverse ecosystem of civil, military and technical services, largely on the basis of representations from the services themselves. A key challenge is the absence of a common evaluative framework. Services operate under different structures, career trajectories and working conditions, but there is no universally accepted method for comparing risk, responsibility, technical complexity or career progression. As a result, the system often seeks parity without clearly defining its basis.

This challenge is most visible in questions of parity. Officers across services with very different career paths and responsibilities may, at certain stages, receive comparable compensation. The issue is not one of competition between services but institutional coherence. If parity is to be maintained, the principles governing it must be transparent, consistent and objectively justified.

The comparison between civilian services and the armed forces illustrates this complexity. Military careers follow a sharply pyramidal structure, with limited promotional opportunities and earlier retirement. Civilian services generally offer broader avenues for advancement and longer careers. Aligning compensation across such different systems requires careful consideration of these structural differences.

The 8th Central Pay Commission should reform compensation frameworks, not merely salaries

Another significant trend is the reduction in experience required for senior administrative positions. While faster career progression may reflect changing governance needs, complex policy challenges still demand institutional memory and seasoned judgment. Efficiency is important, but it cannot fully substitute for experience. Questions also arise over allowances. While they are intended to compensate for hardship, remoteness or operational risk, there is no uniform and transparent framework for assessing such conditions across services. This can create disparities that are difficult to justify and may foster perceptions of inconsistency.

Non-Functional Upgradation (NFU) raises a related concern. By allowing financial advancement without a corresponding increase in responsibility, it weakens the link between role, accountability and compensation. Though introduced to address slower promotion avenues, the NFU continues to generate debate over equity and institutional rationale.

The pension challenge

Pensions add another layer of complexity. India currently operates multiple pension systems, including legacy defined-benefit schemes, contributory plans for newer entrants, and separate arrangements for elected representatives. According to the Reserve Bank of India's State Finances Report (2023), salaries, pensions and interest payments consume a large share of State expenditure, limiting fiscal space for development. As a result, concerns about sustainability and inter-generational equity are becoming increasingly important.

Taken together, these issues highlight the need for a more coherent approach to public compensation. At present, pay frameworks for the executive, legislature and judiciary evolve through different processes. While constitutionally distinct, this fragmentation can create inconsistencies and reduce transparency in compensation decisions.

Public trust depends not only on fairness, but also on transparency and explainability.

A new compensation architecture

Many countries have gradually moved towards continuous and institutionalised mechanisms for reviewing public sector compensation. Independent authorities, clearly defined benchmarks and periodic review mechanisms have replaced infrequent, large-scale revisions. India's decadal Pay Commission model may therefore warrant reconsideration.

A more durable framework – whether a National Compensation Authority or a specialised public service body – could bring greater consistency to public sector pay. Rather than be a centralising authority, it could establish common principles for assessing responsibility, experience and hardship while preserving flexibility for different services and States.

Importantly, any such reform must respect India's federal structure. States should retain autonomy over implementation while operating within a broader framework of transparency, comparability and fiscal discipline. Greater coherence across branches of government, without affecting constitutional independence, would strengthen both credibility and public confidence.

Ultimately, public compensation is not simply about salaries and pensions. It is part of the larger relationship between the state and the citizen. In a democratic system, compensation structures must not only be financially sustainable, but also publicly explainable.

The 8th Pay Commission presents an opportunity to move beyond periodic revision and engage with these deeper structural questions. Whether that opportunity is utilised meaningfully may shape public trust in institutional governance for years to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The war drags on

America's contradictory statements, shifting positions in negotiations to end the war with Iran, and the selective closure of the Strait of Hormuz have adversely affected trade in many countries. U.S. President Donald Trump's public statements should be treated with caution, as they have not been confirmed by Tehran. The two countries remain far apart in their approaches to resolving the crisis, with few signs of de-escalation. Repeated attacks on Indian ships could strain U.S.-India relations.
Even diplomatic experts struggle to decipher America's motives, given its central role in triggering the crisis. It is frustrating that there appears to be no end in sight.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Delhi fire, standards

It is a matter of shock and shame that so many people lost their lives in a fire in Delhi, including foreign nationals. Reports suggest that there was a lack of compliance with safety regulations. In such circumstances, it is difficult to expect tourism to flourish, as foreign visitors may lose confidence in the safety standards of accommodation in India. The Ministry of Tourism should play a more direct role in ensuring that hotels adhere to safety standards.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Hydration matters

It is unfortunate that the 'water bells scheme' appears to have been ignored in most government schools in Chennai (Chennai, June 12). The Tamil Nadu government has repeatedly emphasised its commitment to the education and the welfare of schoolchildren. Given rising summer temperatures, the scheme should be enforced in all schools across urban, semi-urban and rural areas of the State to ensure that children remain adequately hydrated.

Murali Mohan P.V.,
Chennai

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A farmer sprays pesticides in a paddy field on the outskirts of Hyderabad. NAGARA GOPAL

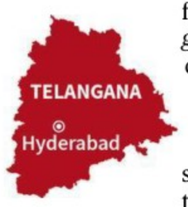
The human cost of a deadly weed killer

In March, Telangana banned paraquat, one of the world's most widely used and highly toxic weedicides, becoming only the third State in India to do so. The herbicide is responsible for hundreds of deaths each year, most of them suicides and some accidental. **Serish Nanisetti** reports on the campaign that led to the ban and why much more remains to be done

At 50, Banoth Goud (name changed) has lived to tell a tale. "I may look normal, but I become breathless when I climb stairs or even walk more than five minutes. The doctor says my lungs got affected," he says.

About three years ago, on a sweltering afternoon, Goud opened his refrigerator, took out a small plastic bottle labelled with a popular juice brand, and took a sip. The drink did not have the sweet, tart apple flavour that he was used to; instead, it tasted flat. He began vomiting.

Goud did not know that he had drunk paraquat, a highly toxic herbicide and one of the most effective weed killers in the world. Paraquat, a colourless and tasteless liquid, is most often fatal for both humans and animals.



It was a mistake that resulted in Goud fighting for his life. "I had asked my nephew to get the *gaddi mandu* (the local term for the weedicide) to clear weeds in front of our house," he recalls. "He kept the bottle on a table inside the house. My wife thought it was a cool drink and placed it inside the fridge." While wholesale traders store paraquat in drums, farmers and others often fill up stray bottles with the weedicide.

Goud was rushed from his house in Paloncha to a hospital in Kothegudem, about 11 kilometres away. The doctors were sure he would die.

Being an employee of TSGENCO (Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited), Goud had an ESIC (Employee State Insurance Corporation) card, necessary for workers below a certain salary level to access free medical care and financial benefits at ESIC dispensaries and hospitals across the State. He was quickly ferried in an ambulance to a tertiary-care facility in Hyderabad, roughly 285 km away.

Dr. Verrana Addanki, a General Medicine practitioner, noticed that Goud had a 'paraquat mouth' – the severe, corrosive damage that occurs when a person swallows or is exposed to paraquat – and put him on continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT). Over the next 40 days, Goud's condition slowly improved.

"His family had given up on him," remembers Dr. Addanki. "But we persisted and he had the will to survive too. Now, he has photographs of his family as his WhatsApp display picture."

On March 31, 2026, Telangana banned the sale, distribution, manufacture, and use of paraquat, to protect the safety and health of people, especially farmers. It became only the third State to do so, after Kerala and Odisha. The Government Order was issued days after intense lobbying by doctors, clinicians, and public representatives calling for the ban of the weedicide, which has been often used for self-harm. Neighbouring Andhra Pradesh followed suit in May.

Bans and bust-ups

Paraquat wreaks havoc due to its immense potential for harm, easy availability, low price (₹280 per litre), and widespread use in India. The only law to regulate hazardous chemicals such as paraquat is the Insecticides Act, 1968.

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> **DILEEP KUMAR**
> Pesticide Action Network

Goud's story is an exception: the weedicide has killed thousands of people, as is evident from autopsy reports from hospitals across the world. Paraquat is banned in 74 countries. In India, Kerala became the first State to ban it in 2011. However, in February 2022, the Kerala High Court overturned the ban following a plea by a cardamom growers' collective. While the Kerala Agriculture Department's notification specifically named the chemical along with 13 others, the High Court struck down the ban on the technical ground that the State did not have the authority to enforce it beyond 60+30 days (as per Section 27 of the Insecticides Act).

In October 2022, Kerala was rocked by the murder of Sharon Raj, who was allegedly poisoned with a paraquat-laced drink by his fiancée, Greeshma. He died at the Medical College Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, triggering a public uproar as details of the case quickly emerged in the public domain.

"We can still order it online," says Dileep Kumar of Pesticide Action Network, a global coalition of over 600 NGOs, institutions, and individuals across 90 countries dedicated to eliminating hazardous chemical pesticides. "A ban by one State without the involvement of e-commerce sites is just a ban on paper. It is ineffectual," he points out.

Kumar adds that the country needs stronger laws and regulations to manage the crisis. "Even the Bhopal gas tragedy [in 1984] did not lead to new laws to regulate pesticides," he says.

The problem is not just limited regulation of pesticides, weedicides, and insecticides; it is also low awareness about safe use. According to a statement by the Minister of State for Agriculture in the Lok Sabha, 79,185 farmers were made aware of the safe and judicious use of pesticides between 2020 and 2026. This is a low share in a country where 46.1% of the population is dependent on agriculture, as per the Economic Survey of 2025-26.

Ambulance vans stand outside the Gandhi Hospital mortuary in Hyderabad, where 217 paraquat victims were brought in for postmortem examination between 2024 and 2025. NAGARA GOPAL

As per the Act, the ban in Telangana was for 60 days and can be extended by 30 more days. On the day that the Telangana issued a Government Order imposing a ban on paraquat, the Legislative Assembly passed a bipartisan resolution asking the Central government to ban the chemical across the country.

Lobbying for a ban

On the afternoon of February 12, Dr. Marri Mahesh Reddy, the founder of a grassroots movement called Doctors Against Paraquat, called for a gathering of farmers in Potharam village in Karimnagar. The emerald green village, with endless paddy fields, is on the eastern side of the Sriramsagar flood flow canal that carries water from the Godavari river. This whistle-stop tour and meeting with farmers was part of a campaign by Dr. Reddy.

"If we don't use this, can't we do agriculture?" Dr. Reddy said, addressing the gathering. "Didn't we do agriculture before this? Brush-cutter *leva, vere mandulu leva. Dina valla yavaruki upogam?* (We have brush-cutters, sickles, and other chemicals. Why use this toxic substance?)"

He explained what made paraquat particularly dangerous. "I used to get emergency cases of snake bites and poisoning," he said. "There were antidotes for snakebites and the venom was not always so toxic. But paraquat is in a different league. It destroys the cell structure and there is no antidote."

Doctors Against Paraquat comprises 202 doctors drawn from different parts of Telangana, who lobbied with politicians, farmers, and bureaucrats relentlessly for a ban on paraquat. Using social media and personal connections, Dr. Reddy reached out to the Telangana Chief Minister's Office, the Maharashtra Chief Minister's Office, the Prime Minister's Office, and politicians.

Yet, Potharam and other farming villages have found paraquat useful. As labour shortage is rising and the cost of hiring farm workers is increasing, farmers use paraquat, which is labelled and sold as non-selective contact herbicide (meaning, it does not differentiate between one plant and another), to clean up residual plants and weeds. Paraquat imports to India rose from 8,598 tonnes in 2019-20 to 20,786 tonnes in 2022-23, according to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2542 under the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in 2025.

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> Chairperson of the Telangana Agriculture Farmers Welfare Commission

"Without any oversight or intervention by officials from the agriculture department, there is a runaway use of paraquat in most parts of the country. There are many accidental deaths due to careless use as well," says Kodanda Reddy, Chairperson of the Telangana Agriculture Farmers Welfare Commission, who has also worked to get the ban imposed in the State.

"Currently we are working with e-commerce companies as well as cyber crime officials to ensure that the product is not available in online stores," he adds. This lobbying appears to have paid off, as two big e-commerce sites – Flipkart and Amazon – no longer list the chemical in Telangana. However, it is easily available from smaller agriculture commerce sites.

A rush to save patients

Bodies are constantly wheeled in and out of the Department of Forensic Medicine, Toxicology and Autopsy Complex at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad. Families wait in grief and the police mill around. There is an overpowering odour of bleach, urine, and putrefying flesh.

The toll of paraquat poisoning is evident here. According to Dr. Atmudi Vivek Sai Ram's Doctor of Medicine dissertation, 'An autopsy based study on deaths due to Paraquat poisoning in Gandhi Hospital', the facility recorded 217 cases of paraquat poisoning in 2024 and 2025. Of these, 54% of the patients were farmers and 16% students. Of the 100 cases studied for the dissertation, 94% were suicide cases and 5% were accidental.

"There is no treatment for paraquat poisoning, no antidote. We only receive clues from the family when bottles with labels are found near the victim or there is an oral statement," says Dr. Krupal Singh, the head of department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. He is also part of Doctors Against Paraquat.

"All we can do is symptomatic treatment," Dr. Singh adds. "As a result, treatment remains largely supportive, focusing on early gastrointestinal decontamination, organ support, and prevention of further oxidative damage. If the patient is put on a ventilator, the progress of the chemical is accelerated, with multiple organ failure and fibrosis of lungs being irreversible."

Inside the nephrology ward of the century-old Osmania General Hospital in Hyderabad, patients sit in rows. "Every month, we get 4-5 paraquat-related cases. Most of the patients die within days," says Dr. Manisha Shenoy, Head of the Nephrology Department, who is the first doctor to be called in once a patient suspected of imbibing paraquat is wheeled into the hospital.

"The prognosis is bleak even with advanced treatment like CRRT," she explains. "The chemical causes rapid damage, first to the kidneys, then the liver, and eventually the lungs. Intubation of a patient on a ventilator accelerates damage to the lungs." She does not remember any survivors.

Poor regulatory efforts

While the dangers of paraquat and its misuse have drawn global attention, regulatory efforts in India have largely escaped public scrutiny.

Paraquat's origins date back to the 1880s, when it was first developed as a chemical dye. Its herbicidal properties were discovered in the 1950s, and Imperial Chemical Industries began marketing it as Gramoxone in the 1960s. Concerns about its toxicity surfaced early in India. In 1989, G. Vijaya Rama Rao, a doctor from Siddipet, raised the issue in the Lok Sabha, but the Agriculture Minister said the government had received no reports of harmful effects.

However, Imperial Chemical Industries documents suggest the company was aware of the risks. An agenda paper by the company dated November 19, 1987, and accessed by *The Hindu*, noted: "Suicidal abuse of the product will not be eliminated." According to the paper, the company also chose not to dilute the chemical to make it safer, calculating that this would increase packaging size fivefold. It noted that "usage by farmers would reduce significantly because of bulk inconvenience/higher prices."

During these years, Imperial Chemical Industries was earning significant revenues from paraquat. In 1987, sales of the product reached 15,000 tonnes, generating £192 million, according to a document from October 4, 1988, and accessed by *The Hindu*.

In August 2025, the Lok Sabha was informed that there are 1,503 licensed manufacturers of paraquat in the country. While Telangana banned the herbicide on March 31, on April 16, the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee, at its 471st meeting, cleared seven applications for formulation under indigenous manufacture as "satisfactory."

India has not been a passive player in the regulation of paraquat; it has also, at times, been an enabler in its continued use. In May 2013, India joined Guatemala in opposing the listing of paraquat as a "severely hazardous pesticide formulation" under Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention, a multi-lateral environmental agreement. Such a listing would not have led to a banning of the chemical, but it would have required exporting countries to notify and obtain prior consent from importing countries before shipment. The proposal was supported by 118 countries but did not go through because the treaty's voting rules require complete consensus.

CropLife India, representing 17 agro-chemical companies, said to *The Hindu*, "Sudden restrictions on paraquat dichloride and carbosulfan, just as kharif sowing begins, could raise input costs, disrupt crop protection, and deepen farmer vulnerability." Paraquat is used on nearly 80 lakh acres in India and remains a low-cost weed-control option for small farmers, it added.

In Karimnagar, however, the ban has already had a visible impact. "Deaths due to paraquat have dropped from around 30-50 per month before the ban to 3-5 now, according to data from pulmonologists and nephrologists," says Dr. Reddy. "We can reach zero deaths if the ban is imposed across the country and the chemical is removed from shelves and online stores. All doctors will breathe easier if that happens."

Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies could seek help and counselling by calling any of the following numbers: 1Life - 78930-78930

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Attacks on ships 'unacceptable': India

Shipping experts say many Indians own and operate ships catering to India's oil needs served by Russian and, to a smaller extent, Iranian oil. Since the U.S. has imposed sanctions on the two countries, these ships are registered in countries that are called 'flags of convenience' with minimum scrutiny and oversight. Using such flags and frequent changes of names, flags and ownership are a feature of such ships, globally.

Marivex, which was hit by a U.S. missile on Monday, is owned by Arihant Shipping registered in Panama, as per Equasis database. *Opencorporates.com* lists six Indian names associated with the company - director, president and so on. *Marivex* was one of the first ships to transit the Strait of Hormuz when ceasefire was declared early April carrying Iranian oil and was bound for Mangalore. Since then, it has served Karwar, too.

The *Settebello*, struck on Wednesday, was the ship on which three Indian seafarers died. Owned by a company in UAE, its manager, IOS Marine FZE, had disputed U.S. Centcom's version that the ship's crew "repeatedly failed to comply with directions from American sources", saying no warning or call was received by the ship and no contact was made by the U.S. Navy with the ship.

Settebello had been flagged by the United Against Nuclear Iran, a U.S.-based non-profit, which had included it in its 'Ghost Armada' list for trading in Iranian oil. The IOS Marine statement says the company had no affiliation with Iran or Iranian oil and sought evidence of U.S. Navy contacting the ship. *Settebello* has changed its flag ten times - nearly all of them flags of convenience - names five times, and ownership three times. It has been managed by ship management companies located in India in the past. Its current owner owns another ship which had been managed by Global Tankers based in India. Global Tankers was sanctioned by the U.S. for Iran links. Meanwhile, *Jalveer*, the Guinea Bissau-registered ship struck on Thursday, has publicly listed a One Person Company in Mumbai as responsible for safety compliance. Its last port of call, as per *marinetraffic.com*, was Dighi in Maharashtra.

BSF, BGB discuss 'illegal, forced' border crossings

Border-guarding forces of India and Bangladesh also reviewed steps to check human trafficking and smuggling of narcotics during the four-day D-G-level coordination conference held in Delhi

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force and the Border Guard Bangladesh discussed "illegal and forced border crossings", among other issues, pertaining to the India-Bangladesh border during the four-day talks that concluded on Thursday, a BSF statement said.

The 57th Director-General-Level Border Coordination Conference between the border-guarding forces of India and Bangladesh was held in Delhi from June 8 to 11.

"During the deliberations, both sides held detailed discussions on measures to effectively prevent trans-border crimes, including smuggling of narcotics, arms, counterfeit currency, gold and other contraband, as well as illegal border crossings and human trafficking. The two delegations also discussed issues relating to border deaths and illegal/inadvertent/forcible crossing at the border areas, construction of border infrastructure, implementation of the Coordinated Border Management Plan, confidence-building measures and the need for closer cooperation in addressing emerging security challenges along the border," the BSF statement said.

The conference was conducted in a cordial and forward-looking atmosphere, the BSF says. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BSF 'pushbacks'

Unlike in the past, when D-G-level meetings were followed by a press conference, this time, only a statement was issued by the BSF. Over the past month, there have been multiple incidents of undocumented persons, suspected to be from Bangladesh, being sent across the border on foot, only to be stopped by the BGB. The reported "pushback" of undocumented persons, not restricted to the West Bengal border but also along the Meghalaya, Tripura, and Assam frontiers, has resulted in confrontations between the BSF and BGB personnel at several border points.

There have also been reports of stone-throwing along some of these stretches.

While Bangladesh has refused to accept the undocumented persons, questioning their nationality, the BSF has maintained that they had entered India illegally and were carrying documents indicating Bangladeshi nationality.

'Deep concern'

A BGB statement said that the "D-G, BGB expressed deep concern, particularly over the recent incidents of push-ins of individuals, including Rohingya/Myanmar nationals and Indian nationals, into Bangladesh by the BSF." It stated that the suffering of these "pushed-in" individuals at the border was immense and many of them were in distress, suffering from hunger and illness, and include elderly persons requiring urgent medical attention.

The BGB reiterated that Bangladesh does not allow Rohingya or Myanmar nationals to use its territory for illegal entry into India.

The Indian delegation was led by BSF D-G Praveen Kumar while the Bangladesh delegation was led by BGB D-G Major-General Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui.

"The conference has been conducted in a cordial, positive, and forward-looking atmosphere, reflecting the enduring cooperation and mutual trust between the two border guarding forces," the BSF statement said.

"Emphasis was also laid on sensitising border population about the sanctity of the international boundary and promoting greater public awareness to prevent illegal activities in border areas," it said.

Trivedi set to take charge as India's envoy to Bangladesh

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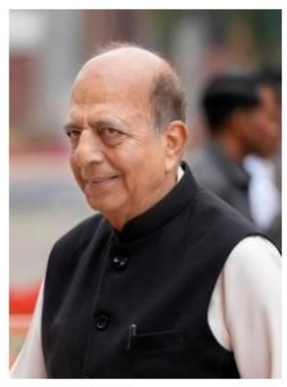
NEW DELHI


Dinesh Trivedi

Democracies are bound to have issues and disputes, and such differences should be resolved through interactions and dialogue, India's High Commissioner-designate to Bangladesh, Dinesh Trivedi, said on Friday .

Speaking to presspersons while crossing from West Bengal's Petrapole to Bangladesh's Benapole, Mr. Trivedi called for cooperation in sectors such as health, technology, and education, and advocated turning the two countries into a powerful economic bloc.

"We will proceed together by combining the hundred forty crore people of India and the twenty crore people of Bangladesh. Bangladesh and India are both strong democracies and in democracies there are bound to be issues but there has to be interactions to deal with them which is necessary. I will carry out my responsibilities in that context," Mr. Trivedi said in Benapole.

"We cannot become powerful in isolation from each other. Technology, education, health, and sports are areas where we can work together and beat the world," he said, urging the media in Bangladesh to project the combined strength of the populations of India and Bangladesh. The relationship between the two countries has remained strained since the uprising of August 2024 that overthrew the government of Sheikh Hasina, who remains in India.

Moving to Bangladesh

Mr. Trivedi is a former Union Minister for Railways and Health and Family Welfare and a three-term member of the Rajya Sabha. He is currently a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party in West Bengal, and was appointed India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh on April 27. He is expected to present his credentials to Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin shortly.

SC dismisses Natarajan's plea on RS nomination

The Bench, however, held that recognising an exception for "glaring" or "patent" errors in the rejection of nomination papers would amount to reading into Article 329 a "principle" that does not exist. It noted that such an approach would run contrary to the law laid down in its 1952 judgment in *N.P. Ponnuswami v. RO,* which bars the invocation of writ jurisdiction to challenge disputes arising during the course of an election.

"...if this Court accepts such an argument to find out glaring cases which are required to be interfered with under Article 32 or Article 226 of the Constitution of India and the other set of cases in which the rejection is not so improper *prima facie*, relegating them to avail the remedy of filing an election petition, this Court will be reading some principle which is not provided for under Article 329 of the Constitution. We are afraid that any such interpretation that, in some cases, the court may interfere where a candidate's nomination paper is wrongly rejected, while leaving some others to file an election petition, cannot be accepted", the Bench underlined.

The senior counsel also questioned the poll body's decision to proceed with the declaration of results on Thursday despite the top court being cognisant of the matter.

"Look at the conduct. My Lords are listing it today, and they declared the results last night... She [Ms. Natarajan] is only seeking an opportunity to contest. Let her fight and lose. She is only standing for election," he said.

"The Election Commission decides to keep silent...the conduct is reprehensible. It does not discharge its constitutional duty..If the level playing field is made non-level, then there cannot be any elections in this country," he submitted.

Lt.-Gen. Rajiv Ghai appointed Military Adviser to NSCS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lieutenant-General Rajiv Ghai

Lieutenant-General Rajiv Ghai, who is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of the Indian Army and who spearheaded military operations as Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) during Operation Sindoor last year, has been appointed the new Military Adviser (MA) to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

This marks the first time that a serving military officer has been appointed Military Adviser to the NSCS, which functions under National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

Lieutenant-General Ghai, whose tenure in service extends till December 2027, was appointed to the post earlier this week. He is expected to assume charge shortly. The position was previously held by General N.S. Raja Subramani before he was appointed Chief of Defence Staff. Prior to him, the post was occupied by Air Marshal Sandeep Singh and, earlier, by General Anil Chauhan.

Commissioned into the Kumaon Regiment, Lieutenant-General Ghai has held several key operational and command appointments during his distinguished military career. His appointment is being seen as a significant move aimed at strengthening military inputs and operational expertise within the country's highest national security decision-making framework.

As food prices rise, retail inflation touches a 16-month high of 3.9%

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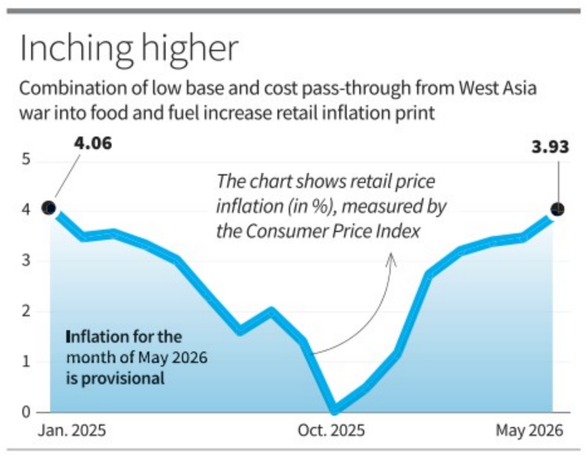
Retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, increased to 3.9% in May as food prices rose, according to data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released on Friday. The inflation rate was 3.5% in April.

Retail prices moved at the fastest pace since January 2025, when the index increased 4.06%, making the May figure the highest in 16 months.

The headline numbers had reduced since October 2024, when the inflation was over 6%. By October 2025, it had almost stagnated. From November 2025, retail inflation started rising due to the low base and now, it is just 0.07% short of the RBI's target inflation rate of 4%.

The higher print was observed both in headline and core inflation. The latter too increased to 3.73% marking three consecutive months of quickening price rise. While headline inflation covers all goods and services, core inflation is calculated without considering food, fuel and electricity prices.



The increase in retail inflation can be largely attributed to the rise in food prices, with the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) inflation at 4.8% in May, inching up from 4.2% in the previous month.

Several food staples experienced a faster rate of inflation or slowing rate of deflation. Cereal prices increased 0.28%, entering the positive territory for the first time since January 2026. Most of the increase came from rice, prices of which increased 0.23% after staying in deflation territory since the beginning of the calendar year.

Among kitchen staples, tomato prices increased 48.4% in May, from 35.3% a month before. Deflation of onion prices slowed to 2.2% in the reporting month from 17.7% in April 2026. Potato prices did not show any major signs of increase. "The monsoon is already delayed and advice given to farmers was to wait for the rains to arrive before sowing their seeds for the relevant crops," said Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist at the Bank of Baroda.

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels inflation – the second largest group of items constituting 17.6% of the retail basket – quickened to 1.73% in May 2026, from 1.71% a month before. LPG and other categories slowed for the third straight month to 2.02% from more than 5% in March 2026. Petrol and diesel inflation rose to 6% in May 2026, from just 0.5% in March.

Higher fuel prices also showed in the inflation print of transport goods. Transport costs increased 1.75% in May, mostly attributable to the increase in logistics prices due to the war in West Asia.

AI-171 crash: AAIB puts out interim statement

It said the investigation team had carried out a detailed examination of all aspects of the accident, including technical, operational, organisational, and human factors.

The UN aviation safety watchdog's Annex 13 on Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation says that states must bring out a final report as soon as possible, and if possible, within 12 months. Otherwise they must publish an interim statement on each anniversary of the occurrence.

A preliminary investigation report into the crash found that the aircraft's fuel control switches had moved to the cut-off position, interrupting fuel supply to the engines moments before the crash. While the report stopped short of determining whether the switch movement was the result of a deliberate action or inadvertently done or a technical malfunction, it included a brief cockpit exchange between the plane's two pilots that has triggered widespread speculation on the cause of the accident.

Pilot associations have condemned the inclusion of the excerpt, arguing that it has contributed to the building of a narrative around pilot involvement before the investigation reached a definitive conclusion.

'Indigenous air defence shield Kusha will be a game changer'

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday described the indigenous Project Kusha air defence programme as a "game changer" for India's security architecture, asserting that its importance had already been demonstrated during Operation Sindoor.

Mr. Singh said India's indigenous air defence capabilities had successfully thwarted enemy intentions during the operation.

"Today I predict that Project Kusha will be a game changer for India's security scenario. It is a world-class indigenous air defence system. Just as the Govardhan hill protected the entire region of Braj in the *Dvapara Yuga*, our air defence system provided a protective umbrella during that period (Operation Sindoor)," he said.

Project Kusha is a long-range air defence missile system being developed by the DRDO to provide a comprehensive shield against a wide range of aerial threats.

The Minister praised the DRDO's Missile Systems and Strategic Systems cluster for strengthening India's technological excellence, strategic autonomy and national security.

Highlighting the changing nature of warfare, Mr. Singh said emerging technologies such as precision-strike systems, integrated air defence networks, hypersonic weapons, autonomous platforms, artificial intelligence and electronic warfare were reshaping modern battlefields.

Kin identify two dead Naga hostages; scrap peace deal, says UNC

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The bodies of two Naga pastors – among six Naga villagers who were allegedly abducted and killed by armed Kuki groups in Manipur – have been identified.

The United Naga Council (UNC), the apex body of Manipur's Naga communities, said family members had identified the two bodies at the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences mortuary in Imphal.

"We came to know that the bodies of the two victims, both pastors, were identified based on their dresses. The other four bodies have not been identified yet, as they are highly mutilated and dismembered," said A.C. Thotso, the UNC's working committee secretary.

On Friday , the UNC sent a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding the abrogation of the Centre's Suspension of Operations agreements signed with 25 Kuki and Zomi extremist groups and demanded the arrest of the ones who are allegedly involved in the abduction of 18 Naga civilians.

Shah reviews security plans for Amarnath Yatra in J&K

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NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday. He directed the officials to ensure robust security arrangements at other major tourist destinations besides the Yatra route.

Mr. Shah instructed that the security framework should be strengthened with modern technologies such as drones, CCTV surveillance and advanced monitoring systems.

Compromised PM cannot protect sons of India: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the deaths of three Indian seafarers in U.S. military strikes on commercial vessels off the coast of Oman, alleging that the Prime Minister had remained silent despite the loss of Indian lives.

In a post on X in Hindi, the Congress leader questioned the Prime Minister's response to the incidents.

"Three Indians have been killed in U.S. attacks on three ships in international waters within three days. And our compromised PM... Not a single word. When any foreign power murders an Indian, the Prime Minister has to speak up. But he can never utter even one word," Mr. Gandhi said.

"Next week at the G-7, just days after the murder of our sailors, Modi*ji* will smile, embrace, and sign agreements – but for those three Indians, he won't have a word to spare," he said, adding, "A compromised PM cannot protect the sons of Mother India, because he lacks either the courage or the strength to confront those who took the lives of those sons."

The remarks came a day after the Congress condemned "reckless military actions" by the U.S. and demanded that the Union government take all necessary diplomatic measures to establish accountability.

Country is drifting towards electoral autocracy: Cong.

Congress accuses BJP of subverting democratic institutions for political gain in connivance with the poll body, and says the fight is between the 'constitutional model' and the 'Modi model'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday intensified its attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Election Commission of India (EC) over the rejection of its Rajya Sabha candidate Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination from Madhya Pradesh, alleging that the ruling party had graduated from "vote *chori*" to "seat *chori*" (seat theft). It said the country was "drifting towards electoral autocracy".

The principal Opposition party said the BJP and the poll body were partners in crime, and the ruling party was subverting democratic institutions for political gain. The party's charge came at a press conference attended by 61 Congress MLAs from Madhya Pradesh, who travelled to Delhi to express support for Ms. Natarajan and seek an appointment with the President.

The MLAs, who had planned to march from the party's 24 Akbar Road office to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, were detained by the Delhi Police.

Leaders pointed out that Ms. Natarajan required the backing of only 58 legislators to secure election to the Upper House, lower than the party's strength in Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari alleged that the BJP resorted to extraordinary measures after failing to engineer defections within the Congress Legislature Party.

Hitting out: Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan with MLAs and leaders from Madhya Pradesh addressing the media in New Delhi on Friday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Umang Singhar said the episode reflected a broader democratic decline. "The country is drifting towards electoral autocracy," he said, citing what he alleged was the centralisation of executive power, weakening of legislative oversight and curbs on freedom of expression.

AICC Madhya Pradesh in-charge Harish Chaudhary said the contest in the country was now between the "constitutional model" and the "Modi model". He alleged that institutions meant to function impartially were increasingly acting in a partisan manner.

Explaining her case, Ms. Natarajan said her nomination had been rejected on the ground that she failed to disclose a criminal case in Form 26.

She maintained that no criminal case was pending against her and that the matter referred to by the Returning Officer was a private complaint on which no court had taken cognisance.

"The root of this entire matter is Form 26," she said. "If there was a column for it, I would have given the details." She argued that election rules required disclosure only of cases in which charges had been framed or a court had formally taken cognisance.

The Congress also alleged "double standards" in the scrutiny of nominations, contrasting Ms. Natarajan's case with that of BJP-backed candidate Parimal Nathwani in Jharkhand.

It said that while Ms. Natarajan faced "farcically stringent" scrutiny, Mr. Nathwani was given opportunities to rectify deficiencies in his papers.

In a separate attack on the BJP, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of attempting to "engineer" a two-thirds majority for the ruling party in Parliament by encouraging defections from Opposition parties. "The fight is on. His evil designs must not and will not succeed," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on X.

Congress doesn't require 'neutrality of the Indian state' to function: Rahul

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Congress does not require the "neutrality of the Indian state" to operate, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said during the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) meeting held on June 8.

The Congress on Friday released the audio and the transcript of Mr. Gandhi's speech made in the closed-door meeting of the INDIA bloc. The address, which sets out the road ahead for the Opposition in the 2029 Lok Sabha election, positions the Congress as the leader of the bloc while also spelling out the limitations within which the bloc will have to operate.

"The Congress is a party of resistance. It does not require the neutrality of the Indian state to operate. In fact, the more the institutions of the Indian state are throttled, the more aggressively the Congress will fight to defend the Constitution," Mr. Gandhi said. The party seemed to have timed the release of the speech on a day when the Supreme Court rejected its plea against the disqualification of Meenakshi Natarajan, the Congress candidate for the Rajya Sabha elections from Madhya Pradesh.

He framed the Congress as a "resistance movement", in the context of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh "tightening their grip on the Indian state," and rendering conventional political tools increasingly ineffective.

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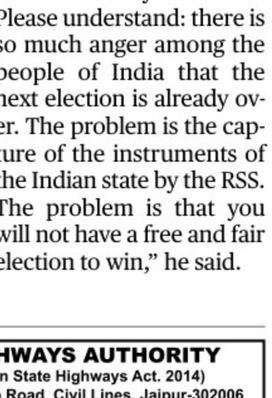

'Resistance works'

"If political parties can't function, what functions? Resistance functions. Resistance works. Wherever we resist, it works. I have seen it with my own eyes. I have walked 4,000 kilometres across this country – resistance works," he said. Mr. Gandhi also addressed the criticism levelled against his party by allies. "It is not my place to answer any of the things that were said today about the Congress. It is my place to, like in the Shaiva tradition, swallow everything. The idea of the blue-necked One (Shiva) who drinks all the poison. Whatever more you want to say... we will accept it happily, with a smile on our face," he said.

He argued that the Congress occupies a fundamentally different role within the alliance. "I do not say this with arrogance. Our role, as many of you have stated, is to unite all of you together with love and affection," he said, assuming the leadership of the INDIA bloc.

He expressed confidence in key allies, saying: "...I can vouch right now for the DMK. When it comes to defending the idea of India, every single person will be in this room."

At the same time, he did not gloss over internal contradictions. "We have our fights, but if you are asking me to go and hug the ex-Chief Minister of Kerala – I cannot and I will not, because I have an ongoing political fight with him," he said.

On electoral prospects

Striking a confident note on electoral prospects, he told allies: "The next election has already been won. Please understand: there is so much anger among the people of India that the next election is already over. The problem is the capture of the instruments of the Indian state by the RSS. The problem is that you will not have a free and fair election to win," he said.

4,000 EVMs gutted in Bengal govt. building fire; Minister flags 'foul play'

Senjuti Sengupta
KOLKATA

Around 4,000 electronic voting machines (EVMs) were gutted after a government building in Kolkata's Alipore area that houses the South 24 Parganas Zila Parishad office and district units of several other departments caught fire on Wednesday, said officials, flagging a possibility of sabotage.

Minister of State for Fire and Emergency Services Koushik Chowdhury said, "The incident took place on Wednesday afternoon. It's a nine-storey building in Alipore that houses the South 24 Parganas Zila Parishad, local District Forest Officer's (DFO) office, and also the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan. The EVMs were stored in a room on the ninth floor. All of those EVMs have been gutted."

A fire breaks out at a government building in Kolkata's Alipore area that houses the South 24 Parganas Zila Parishad office. ANI

According to the Minister, those EVMs have been used in at least 10 constituencies across Kolkata, North 24 Parganas, and South 24 Parganas during the recent Assembly election.

Mr. Chowdhury, who went to visit the site, also flagged a possibility of sabotage. "Prima facie, the fire first broke out at the third and fourth floors. It is not yet clear how it reached the eighth and ninth floors while the fifth, sixth, and seventh floors were safe. It is not normal. The fire services personnel were also called pretty late. Police are investigating the matter. The District Magistrate was also asked to launch a probe. They are trying to trace what exactly caused the fire."

An officer from the Alipore police station also said that the Additional District Magistrate has lodged an FIR based on which a four-member special investigation team (SIT) was formed to investigate the matter.

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New govt. will bring Tatas back to Bengal, says Suvendu Adhikari

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Friday said the government would bring the Tata Group back to the State. However, he added that the land at Singur on which Tata Motors had set up a car factory is no longer with the State government as it had been returned to the farmers.

"The farmers at Singur cannot grow any crops because the concrete brought for the factory got mixed with the soil," the Chief Minister said. The withdrawal of Tata Motors from Singur in 2008 is considered a setback for the industrial aspirations of West Bengal. After a protracted legal battle, the land acquired by the Left Front government at Singur was returned to the farmers of West Bengal by Mamata Banerjee during the Trinamool Congress regime.

Speaking to presspersons at an event to mark 12 years of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre, Mr. Adhikari said his government is serious on attracting investments to the State.

Mr. Adhikari said that forcibly acquiring land like the Left Front government or forcing industries out of the State like the Trinamool government was not the solution.

Jairam urges Defence Minister to reconsider expansion of INS Baaz

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Congress Rajya Sabha member Jairam Ramesh, on Friday, wrote to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh urging him to reconsider the rejection of a full runway expansion at INS Baaz on Campbell Bay. He argued that the alternative now being pursued – a greenfield airport at Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar – carries far heavier ecological and social costs than the government has acknowledged.

The letter follows the Defence Ministry's June 8 assertion that India would invest around ₹13,000 crore in a dual-use airport and runway for civilian and naval operations.

Mr. Ramesh's letter responds to media reports, attributed to Defence Ministry sources, that runway expansion at INS Baaz would be limited because lengthening it beyond 4,500 feet would damage the surrounding environment. He questioned the timing of that concern. "I appreciate the sudden worry for ecological protection," he wrote.

The proposed airport, he wrote, would require clearing around 225 acres of protected forest and 130 acres of deemed forest that form part of the territory of the Shompen tribal community.

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INBRIEF

Two held for throwing stones at train with RSS chief aboard

Two persons have been arrested for allegedly throwing stones at the Swarn Shatabdi Express, plying between Lucknow and New Delhi, in which Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat was travelling. The incident occurred around 7.20 p.m. on Thursday when the train was approaching Firozabad station of Prayagraj division. The miscreants were identified from CCTV footage and arrested, Railway CPRO Shashikant Tripathi said. Mr. Bhagwat was travelling in the E1 coach. The stone hit the exterior window near seat 51. "The interior side of the window was not affected," Mr. Tripathi said.

BRICS backs people-centric, inclusive urban development

The BRICS nations on Friday adopted a declaration on inclusive, resilient and people-centred urban development. The Ministerial declaration adopted on the concluding day of the 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum in the national capital, highlights key priorities shared by member nations and reaffirms commitment to advancing people-centred urban development. It emphasises the importance of creating inclusive, sustainable, resilient and liveable cities that ensure equitable access to urban services, particularly for marginalised groups, according to an official statement of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

One Sanskrit batch must for Classes 6 & 9 in KV schools

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Every Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) must maintain a minimum of one dedicated section of students learning Sanskrit as a third language in Classes 6 and 9, according to a circular issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), an autonomous body under the Union Education Ministry.

There are currently 1,288 functional KVs across India, along with three operating internationally. The circular, dated May 29 and accessed by *The Hindu*, is meant for all KVs.

"KVS has ensured that the policy remains sensitive to its transferable student population by maintaining Sanskrit as a common option across all KVs, while offering regional languages as an alternative for those students who are not subject to frequent transfers," a senior KVS official said, on the condition of anonymity.

The body has directed all KVs to collect third language (R3) preferences from parents and students. The circular clarifies that the R3 choice (Sanskrit or a regional or State language from the scheduled languages) must be distinct from R1 (Hindi) and R2 (English).

Families of Air India crash victims demand answers

Family members and the Federation of Indian Pilots bemoaned that there was no statement from the Prime Minister or the Gujarat CM; nor was any public representative present at the gathering

Abhinay Deshpande
AHMEDABAD

There were tears and sombre remembrances as families of the Air India crash victims gathered at a hotel in Ahmedabad to mark the first anniversary of the disaster demanding justice for the dead.

While many have received compensation from the airline, they said justice still eluded them and they wanted the government to release the final report on the crash. "We want answers... We are still waiting to know the cause of the accident," one of the family members said.

"My daughter died a year ago, and we are still waiting for answers from the government on how it [the crash] has taken place... there is no official statement or clarity on what exactly happened on that ill-fated day," said Atulbhai Patel from Surat. His daughter, Vibhuti Patel, a physiotherapist in the U.K., was aboard the London-bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner which crashed moments after taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on June 12, 2025. "My daughter came to India for 15 days and was engaged to a man from Gujarat who was living in the U.K.," Mr. Patel said, wiping away tears.

Mourning the loss: The relatives of an Air India crash victim at an event in Ahmedabad on Friday. ABHINAY DESHPANDE

The aircraft went down barely seconds after take-off, killing 260 people, including 241 passengers and the crew, and 19 people on the ground. Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was one among those killed.

While tributes were paid to the victims, whose photographs were adorned with garlands, rose petals, and lamps, the family members and the Federation of Indian Pilots bemoaned that there was no statement from the Prime Minister or the Gujarat Chief Minister, nor any public representative was present on the first anniversary of the crash.

"If a similar incident had occurred elsewhere in the world, particularly in Western countries, people would have gathered and taken out rallies across the country in memory of the victims. But nothing has happened in India," the federation's president, C.S. Randhawa, said.

He asked the family members to demand land from the government and build a memorial at the crash site.

Marked absence

British High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron reached the crash site in the city's Meghaninagar area and offered floral tributes to the victims, saying her thoughts were with all the families affected by the tragedy.

She was among the rare dignitaries to pay her respects at the crash site, and her visit made the absence of State or Union government representatives more conspicuous.

Fifty-two British nationals were among the 260 persons killed in the incident. "One year ago today, the tragic Air India crash claimed 260 lives, including 52 British nationals," Ms. Cameron said in a post on X. "I will never forget arriving in Ahmedabad and visiting the site on that day. My thoughts are with all the families affected, and I thank my team who stood up immediately to support them and have continued to do so in the toughest circumstances. I am back with some of them in Ahmedabad today," she added.

Govt. reviews NEET-UG 2026 re-test preparations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan on Friday reviewed the preparedness for the NEET re-test, in a meeting with the Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

"The Central government, State governments and district administration are working together in close coordination, to ensure smooth conduct of the NEET re-examination. The full might and weight of the law will fall on any person trying in any manner to distort, disrupt or tamper with the integrity or smooth conduct of the re-examination," Mr. Somanathan said.

The NEET re-examination is scheduled on June 21. During the review, the Cabinet Secretary also emphasised the need for ensuring a smooth, transparent, and secure conduct of the re-examination through close coordination among all stakeholders concerned. He had reviewed the arrangements with the Secretaries of the Union government and relevant agencies on June 1. On June 4, he also held a review meeting with the Chief Secretaries of the States to assess the progress of the arrangements.

'Deep-seated' bias for male child persists in society: SC

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The court noted that the country continues to face significant gaps in gender parity

The Supreme Court has observed that though the country's child sex ratio has shown "clear signs of improvement", the continued prevalence of sex selection practices reflects "deep-seated patriarchal preferences" for a male child.

A Bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and P.K. Mishra made the observation while dismissing a Maharashtra doctor's appeal challenging criminal proceedings against him under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PCPNDT Act).

Referring to various schemes introduced by State governments to curb female foeticide, the court said these reflected sustained efforts to address the systemic discrimination faced by "the girl child in an inherently patriarchal" society.

However, it pointed out that several States continue to record sex ratios at birth below the national average. "...the country's sex ratio has shown clear signs of improvement in recent years... Nonetheless, several States still report sex ratios at birth below the national average. This shows the continuing presence of deep-seated patriarchal preferences towards a male child and the 'behind the curtains' prevalence of sex selection practices," the Bench said.

Accordingly, the top court stressed that strict enforcement of the PCPNDT Act would remain essential until entrenched social attitudes towards the girl child undergo change.

The judges also noted the country continues to face significant challenges in achieving gender parity when assessed against global indicators. "On a global level though, unfortunately, the data does not present a positive outlook. The World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2025 records a drop in our ranking in terms of overall gender parity score from the previous year to 131 out of 148, from 129 the previous year", the Bench said.

Accordingly, the Bench refused to quash the criminal proceedings against the doctor, underlining that "letting infractions slide" would defeat the purpose of the PCPNDT Act.

Govt. opens draft telecom rules on TV, radio for feedback

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has published the draft Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules, 2026, for public consultation. They have been framed to consolidate the various guidelines issued for television and radio services under the erstwhile Telegraph Act, within the framework of the newly enacted Telecommunications Act, 2023. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry administers the provisions relating to television, radio, and associated services.

Unified rule-book

In the draft rules, existing terms and conditions of authorisation have been harmonised and rationalised to facilitate continuity, while enabling reforms and provision for a single regulatory framework in place of multiple guidelines. "With this set of rules, the industry will now have a unified and significantly simplified rule book. These rules are designed to simplify the existing regime while promoting ease of doing business in the television and radio broadcasting sector," said the Ministry.

Once notified, the rules will replace various existing guidelines governing broadcasting services.

Digital implementation of the authorisation process, simplified authorisation procedures, removal of the requirement for signing Grant of Permission Agreement, and provision of transparent adjudication mechanism are the other key features.

HC denies plea to reopen Class 12 re-evaluation portal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday declined to direct the reopening of the CBSE's portal for the re-evaluation of Class 12 answer sheets on a petition by the Congress's student wing.

A vacation Bench of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna and Justice Madhu Jain observed that an individual student was free to take appropriate action if aggrieved and that reopening the portal, which was operational from June 2-7, would delay the entire process of result declaration.

"For you, it is one week, but the whole process gets delayed by a month...It is not one step," the Bench remarked. "I am not giving further directions. Whoever is aggrieved, let the individual approach."

As the National Students' Union of India's (NSUI) counsel urged the court to order reopening of the portal for a few more days, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the authorities, submitted that the aggrieved students have already submitted their requests and the disputed answer sheets are being considered.

Mr. Mehta said the NSUI's public interest litigation plea was based on "very general assumptions".

The court said that any aggrieved student may seek legal remedy individually.

Govt. says it is mulling policy for students in West Asia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Friday informed the Supreme Court that it was considering a policy to accommodate private students in West Asia whose examination results could not be declared by the CBSE owing to the prevailing conflict in the region.

A Bench of Justices Augustine George Masih and Vijay Bishnoi was informed by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta that a decision was likely to be taken shortly. He accordingly requested the Bench to defer the hearing to June 22.

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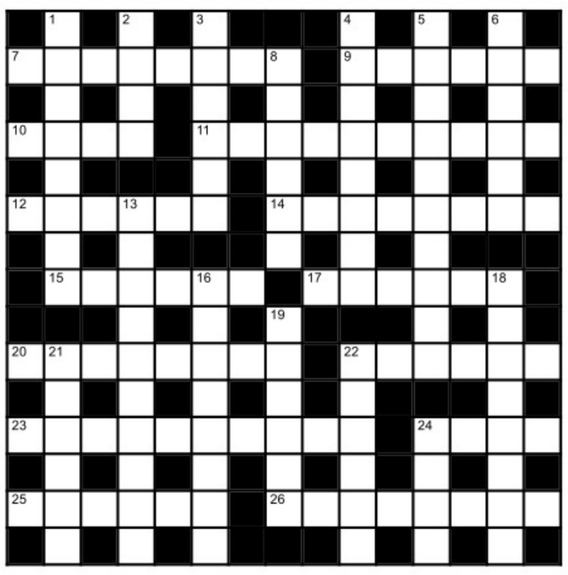

Across

7 Pass surplus income (8)
9 Marvel character gets one leading cameraman's callback (6)
10 Directed to hail girl in front (4)
11 Straying from purpose by accepting daughter's mistake endlessly (10)
12 Ship officers' captain arrests one (6)
14 Director to acknowledge fine in front of everyone (8)
15 Departs as crowd enters ship (6)
17 Cat could be Welsh (6)
20 Fail to meet expectations in dislocating wolf and lion primarily (4,4)
22 Suit is special, a leading designer brought to East and South (6)
23 Page dear Bob, pa ordered material for making boxes (10)
24 Star featuring in love games (4)
25 Tips from co-star included new editing methods applied in movies (6)
26 Assume control of profits at head office absolutely for the most part (4,4)

Down

1 Pilots are new navigators? No, not good (8)
2 Not starting rush for egg (4)
3 Grandmother in Chennai's at leading sanatorium unit (6)
4 Diana and Edward; in the absence of love, some sex always faded (4,4)
5 Silly errata sinking company that is in solid ground (5,5)
6 Erotic Four chucked out of festival (6)
8 Antelopes found on ground in El Salvador (6)
13 Not a fake explosive planted around half of Kiev is unmitigated (10)
16 Township in Ontario has natural light (8)
18 Churchmen with no answer? Sacrilege in disguise (8)
19 Determined to get an apartment near nurse's residence in the front (6)
21 An auditors spies a plant (6)
22 American back's fine, being behind Germany for all to see is a puzzle (6)
24 Instrument is available for 5 + 10 + 50 (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Conquer the 'I' and 'mine'

Tiruvalluvar says, "He enters the abode of the gods who lays the axe at I and mine." One may say that this advice is hardest to follow in the material world that we live in where self-promotion appears to be the norm. Unless one conquers the 'I', one cannot lead a truly enriching life, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.

Narayana Bhattadri says Krishna abhors two types of people: those who go about swollen-headed due to their academic achievements (*vidyarti garvam*) and those who boast about riches (*Aishwarya garvam*). Mahalakshmi ensures that this does not happen with the true devotee.

Kusela came calling upon Krishna at the behest of his wife. To Kusela, living in abject poverty, Krishna was a dear friend but his wife pleaded with him to seek material help from the wealthy Krishna. When he agreed to visit Krishna, she sent Kusela with a gift of *poha*. After offering it to Krishna, Kusela spoke of general affairs and did not seek any help. Taking a fistful of *poha* and relishing it, the all-knowing Krishna immediately showered wealth upon Kusela, transforming his humble abode into a palatial one. When Krishna reached for the second fistful of *poha*, Mahalakshmi (having manifested as Rukmini) stopped Him. Why did She ? The first fistful of *poha* was an offering of Krishna bhakti: pure, unadulterated friendship and worship. With the second helping of *poha*, Krishna might shower more gifts upon Kusela, which could make Kusela proud of his affluence. At the onset of such ego, Krishna would distance Himself from his dear Kusela. Rukmini (Mahalakshmi) did not want this pitfall for Krishna's devotee and hence She stopped Him from having more *poha*.

INBRIEF

Rupee surges 67 paise against 'weaker' U.S. dollar

The rupee surged 67 paise to close at 95.18 against the greenback on Friday as global oil prices fell sharply after U.S. President Donald Trump indicated an imminent deal with Iran. A firm trend in domestic equity markets and a weaker American currency also supported the rupee, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.40 and traded in the range of 94.95-95.53 before settling at 95.18, up 67 paise from its previous close. PTI

Govt. waives duty on nuclear power equipment imports

In what could serve as a major boost to India's nuclear energy ambitions, the Finance Ministry in an order on Thursday, waived customs duty on specific imports required for spurring generation of nuclear energy. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced extending the basic customs duty exemption on imports necessary for nuclear power projects up to 2035. The latest order takes retrospective effect, extending relief to imports made between April 1, 2019 and January 31 this year.

NLC wins Telangana critical minerals' block bid

NLC India has emerged as the preferred bidder for a Vanadium, Titanium and Aluminous Laterite block in Telangana. "NLC India Limited is declared as preferred bidder for Parvathapur Vanadium, Titanium and Aluminous Laterite block of Sanga Reddy, Telangana, subsequent to the Critical and Strategic mineral blocks e-auction held on June 11 by the Union Ministry of Mines," the company said in a filing on Friday.

Mandate on solar cell manufacturing may hit projects on books

Approved list of cell manufacturers given effect without ensuring adequate domestic cell manufacturing capacity, says solar association

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Low voltage: Phased implementation of the ALCM has been sought till the cell production capacity comes to at least 100 GW. AFP

Solar energy projects that are on the books and waiting for implementation, may be impacted by the approved list of cell manufacturers (ALCM) for solar cells that came into effect on June 1.

According to the approved list of module manufacturers (ALMM) order issued in 2019, solar photovoltaic module manufacturers should use solar PV cells only from those listed under the ALCM.

The introduction of ALCM may create several challenges for the Indian solar industry as it has come into effect without ensuring adequate domestic cell manufacturing capacity, said C. Narasimhan, president of the Indian Solar Association.

India's module manufacturing capacity has reached approximately 190 GW, whereas domestic solar cell manufacturing capacity is only around 25 GW. India's annual solar installation requirement is estimated at about 50 GW. With domestic cell manufacturing capacity substantially lower than demand, a supply deficit is likely to emerge, he told *The Hindu*.

Data of projects that are awaiting installation in different States are not available publicly. And, the ALCM order for solar PV cells has come into effect just 12 days ago. "However, it has an impact on both prices and availability," said Mr. Narasimhan.

Prior to the implementation of mandatory domestic cell sourcing requirements, solar module manufacturers were able to procure solar cells from international markets though the Basic Customs Duty on it is 20%.

It is learnt that imported solar cells are reportedly available at approximately ₹5 per watt. The price of domestically manufactured solar cells is said to be in the range of ₹13 per watt, he said.

The resulting high costs would ultimately have to be absorbed by project developers, investors, electricity consumers, distribution companies, commercial and industrial consumers, or the government through various support schemes, he said.

With the mandatory Domestic Content Requirement (DCR), many EPC and manufacturing companies may face closure as module availability will become an issue, he added.

Residential rooftop solar installations are going on with DCR cells because consumers get subsidy under PM Surya Ghar.

Commercial installations or solar park development projects contribute 70% of the total installation and will be affected, Mr. Narasimhan said.

Further, insufficient cell availability may lead to underutilisation of module manufacturing facilities.

"While there are cases in courts regarding this issue, the government should look at a phased implementation of the ALCM till the cell production capacity comes to at least 100 GW," he added.

Govt. bars bulk buyers from retail purchase of petrol, diesel

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Procurement of large quantities of diesel in jerry cans had come to the government's notice.

Seeking to curb the recent "extraordinary" increase in sales of petrol and diesel, the government, in an order late on Thursday, barred industrial and commercial consumers from purchasing petrol and diesel from retail outlets and directed them to source the fuels only from dedicated supply channels.

Additionally, the government also directed retail outlets not to dispense more than 200 litres of diesel in a day to either a consumer or a vehicle. The same cannot be resold, according to the order.

The directive would be in force for 90 days unless revoked before the stipulated date.

In a statement on Friday, the government underlined that the latest directive sought to arrest an "uneven extraordinary demand growth" in some retail outlets that is stemming from consumers of bulk diesel increasingly turning to State-owned oil-marketing companies' retail outlets.

"This is driven by industrial and direct or institutional and commercial consumers, who have been shifting their procurement from their dedicated consumer pumps to retail outlets due to the difference between bulk and retail diesel prices," the statement read.

Bulk diesel is about ₹40 per litre more expensive than the one sold at retail outlets.

Further, according to the government, there has been about 58% decline in sale of diesel among private oil marketing companies in May this year – from the same period last year – owing to comparatively higher prices at their pumps.

Privately-owned oil marketing companies immediately pass on the elevated pressure onto the final consumer of retail fuels sold at their pumps unlike State-owned companies.

State-owned companies' retail pumps in 80 districts have witnessed more than 30% growth in sale of diesel during the same period, the government added.

"Blatant instances of procurement of large quantities of diesel in jerry cans, and its resale have come to the notice of the government," it said.

Investors upbeat as oil becomes cheaper on hopes of peace deal

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Investors were elated after oil prices plummeted 2.5% to $88.1 levels on hopes of a peace deal between Iran and the U.S. Benchmark Nifty and Sensex rose over 2% to 23,622.90 and 75,527.95 points on Friday.

Nifty opened at 23,412.55 points, 1.22% above the previous day's close, and traded at about 23,350 before the day's close. Sensex, too, saw a similar pattern.

All sectoral indices improved, with some gaining up to 3% or more. Most stocks that traded in the session advanced, suggesting a broad-based rally.

"The sharp market recovery suggests that investors are beginning to price in a more favourable geopolitical outcome. While a formal agreement remains pending, the moderation in crude oil prices and rupee gain have improved the near-term outlook for domestic equities," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

NCLT rejects insolvency plea against Noida Metro

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The NCLT has dismissed an insolvency petition filed by Empire Transport Services Ltd. (ETSL) against Noida Metro Rail Corporation observing that there were 'genuine' pre-existing disputes between the parties over service quality, contractual obligations and payment deductions.

The Allahabad Bench of NCLT rejected ETSL's plea seeking initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

ETSL approached NCLT claiming operational dues of about ₹7.09 crore arising from a bus operators pact signed with NMRC.

Estonia, industry eye trade, defence ties with India

Aroon Deep
TALLINN

A bee sits on a dandelion flower in a park on a sunny day in Tallinn, Estonia. AP

Estonian government officials and business executives are expressing greater interest in cooperating with India in defence and trade, even as the Baltic country, with a population of 14 lakh, works to strengthen its position amid the Russia-Ukraine war.

"India is one of the most interesting markets, because the population is still growing for a long time," Ahti Kuningas, Secretary-General of Estonia's Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications said in a briefing last month to visiting journalists.

"You definitely have to be more present there." Mr. Kuningas listed areas such as 'wood chemistry, machinery, drones... and then a little piece of chips' where cooperation could be possible.

Sigrid Rajalo, director of the Ministry's Economy and Technology Department, pointed out to engineering and ICT as fields in which Indian students "found their way to our universities." Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna added Estonia could serve as a "gateway to the European Union" for Indian firms.

E-residency

Mr. Tsahkna endorsed Estonia's e-residency programme as a way for more entrepreneurs to access global markets.

Medical cooperation

Priit Salumaa, founder of Better Medicine which builds AI solutions for radiologists, said he travelled to the AI Impact Summit in Delhi in February with the Estonian President's delegation.

Stating he had held discussions with incorporating his firm's technology in Indian hospitals, he said a key policy adjustment applied to U.S. and U.K. would help firms like his.

(The author was in Tallinn at the invitation of the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.)

Global liquor firms chase Telangana for $400 mn dues

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian groups representing alcohol giants Diageo, Pernod Ricard, Heinekenand Carlsberg, accused Telangana of breaching accounting rules over dues it owes them totalling almost $400 million. India's biggest beer-consuming state by volume, like many other local governments in India, requires liquor firms to supply only to State-run depots, which then sell to retailers, forcing the firms to rely on State governments for payment.

The system has long soured relations with big drinks companies and last year, Telangana officials acknowledged they owed money to liquor firms without giving reasons for the delayed payments.

SpaceX opens 11% higher on Nasdaq

Reuters

A billboard of SpaceX visuals at the Times Square, U.S.

SpaceX rose 11% in its Nasdaq debut on Friday, lifting its valuation to about $1.96 trillion as investors piled into the world's largest IPO and bought into Elon Musk's sprawling empire spanning rockets, satellite communications and AI to Wall Street.

The stock opened for trading at $150 compared with the IPO price of $135 per share. The deal was being closely scrutinised because of the stakes for the IPO market, which some bankers said could face difficulties if SpaceX shares close below Thursday's pricing level.

With SpaceX widely viewed as a dress rehearsal for a new generation of mega-listings, market participants will also be watching for signals on investor appetite ahead of forthcoming IPOs for AI heavyweights Anthropic and OpenAI.

The landmark listing cemented Mr. Musk's status as the first trillionaire ever and propelled SpaceX into the ranks of the world's most valuable companies - even though the firm posted a loss of nearly $5 billion last year and generated only a fraction of the revenue brought in by similarly valued tech giants.

Nestle India says no infestation in its noodles

Reuters

Nestle India on Friday rejected allegations that insects were found in its MAGGI noodles product, after a news agency reported India's food regulator had taken cognisance of social media complaints and issued notice to the consumer goods company.

Nestle India said in a statement that the concern was raised from an unverified social media account and that the account holder did not respond to repeated requests for the sample.

Testing of a reference sample from the same batch at an independent laboratory notified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) found no infestation, Nestle India said.

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The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Uttarakhand Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Project (U-PREPARE). The PIU-USDMA an implementing agency of U-PREPARE intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consultancy assignment:

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2nd CORRIGENDUM TO BID

The following modifications are made in respect of BID IDENTIFICATION NO. ACEPMIC-01/2026-27 vide Lr. No.482 dt.06.05.2026 under Phulbani Minor Irrigation Circle, Phulbani. All other term and conditions stipulated in online Tender Call Notice will remain unchanged.
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SEOUL

South Korea's Yoon gets 30 years in jail over North drone incursion

REUTERS

A South Korean court handed former President Yoon Suk Yeol a 30-year prison sentence on Friday for sending drones into North Korea to "manufacture" a crisis ahead of his disastrous martial law bid. The drone flights in 2024 had sparked anger in Pyongyang, which accused the South of also dropping propaganda leaflets. AFP

LONDON

David Hockney, iconic British artist known for landscapes, dies at 88

AFP

British artist David Hockney, famed for his shimmering pool paintings and colourful iPad drawings, has died at his London home aged 88. Over a seven-decade career, he became one of Britain's most celebrated contemporary artists, with record-breaking auction sales and global acclaim for his innovative work. AP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan hikes defence spending by 17.6% to PKRs 3,000 billion

AFP

Pakistan on Friday hiked its defence spending by 17.6% to PKRs 3,000 billion, marking a significant increase from last year. "The government has made a significant increase in the defence Budget," Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb said while presenting the Budget 2026-27 before the National Assembly. PTI

BANGKOK

Thai Princess Bajrakitiyabha, who was known for her legal work, dies

AFP

Thailand's Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, a lawyer and the eldest of King Maha Vajiralongkorn's children, has died at 47, the Bureau of the Royal Household said. She died on Thursday evening at a Bangkok hospital where she had been cared for since falling unconscious due to illness three years ago, it said. AP

A deal 'has never been closer', says Iran, after Trump claimed progress

Trump dismisses the leaked draft as 'fake news,' saying the reported terms do not match the written deal; J.D. Vance says economic benefits would flow to Iran if it meets obligations; Tehran says 'a potential understanding is close to completion'

Stanly Johny

A day after U.S. President Donald Trump backed away from a threatened attack on Iran, claiming progress in talks, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Friday that Washington and Tehran have "never been closer" to reaching a preliminary agreement.

"The Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding has never been closer. Pending its finalization, the media should refrain from entering speculation about its content. In line with our responsible and transparent approach, all details will be shared with the public in due course," Mr. Araghchi wrote in a social media post. Mr. Trump reposted Mr. Araghchi's statement in his Truth Social account.

Teetering deal: People walk next to a symbolic mock-up of an Iranian missile, on a street in Tehran, Iran, Thursday. REUTERS

Mr. Araghchi's comments came after Iran's *Mehr* news agency, citing a source close to the negotiating team, claimed that the deal would see "the release of $24 billion of Iran's blocked funds during the 60-day final negotiation period". According to a draft of the agreement released by *Mehr*, there would be a permanent halt to fighting on all fronts, "including Lebanon".

It also calls for lifting the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports and reopening the Strait of Hormuz within 30 days. Sanctions on Iranian oil and petrochemical revenues would be suspended, and nuclear negotiations would be held during the 60-day period to reach a final agreement.

'Great settlement'

Mr. Trump, who on Thursday told presspersons in Oval Office that "a great settlement" with Iran was reached, "subject to finalisation of documents", on Friday dismissed the reports about the content of the deal as "fake news".

"The terms that Iran leaked out to the Fake News have NOTHING to do with the terms that were agreed to, in writing. What they said, including their weak statement on having a deal, bears no relation to the truth," he wrote in a social media post. Mr. Trump also claimed that Iran carried out drone attacks at Indian ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

Vice President J.D. Vance also slammed the spread of "fake information" about the terms of the proposed deal. "First, the Iranians are not receiving any cash, and no funds are being released for simply signing a deal or attending a meeting," he wrote in a social post.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the U.S. and Iran have agreed to wording of an agreement aimed at ending their war, and that mediators were working with both sides to finalise a deal.

Death toll from protest clashes in PoK rises to 20

Agence France-Presse
MUZAFFARABAD

The Joint Awami Action Committee says it is demonstrating for legitimate economic and political rights. REUTERS

The death toll from clashes between police and members of a banned protest movement in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir has risen to 20, according to a tally on Friday based on official figures.

Supporters of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), an anti-government movement demanding economic and governance reforms, have been pressing ahead with protests despite the group being banned under anti-terrorism laws last week.

Officials initially said on Monday that seven persons had been killed – three civilians and four police officers – and dozens wounded.

A new count on Friday saw the number of deaths rise sharply to 20.

The local government's Higher Education Minister, Malik Zafar, said that clashes between protesters and police had left seven persons dead this week in his constituency of Kotli.

Commissioner Sardar Waheed, the top civilian official in the city of Rawalakot, said that 12 people had been killed, including the four police officers.

Khurram Iqbal, a senior police official in the city of Mirpur, said a protester had died during clashes with police on Wednesday.

Many shops in the main city of Muzaffarabad have closed this week in support of the JAAC's calls for businesses to strike, and mobile Internet has been largely inaccessible for residents, according to a pressperson in the area.

Members of the JAAC have decried their listing as a terror group as "oppression", saying they are demonstrating for legitimate economic and political rights.

Philippines protests Chinese sanctions against defence chief

Associated Press
MANILA

Gilberto Teodoro Jr.

The Philippine government said on Friday that China's imposition of sanctions, including an entry ban, against Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. was "an unfriendly act" that could further strain relations, while he vowed to continue defending Manila's interests against Beijing's aggression.

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing announced late Thursday that Mr. Teodoro and his family have been banned from entering China, including Hong Kong and Macao, over what it described as "irresponsible remarks" he has made that undermined Beijing's interests.

Mr. Teodoro, who was appointed defence chief in June 2023, has been one of the most vocal critics of China's actions in the disputed South China Sea.

Ukraine, Russia trade overnight drone strikes, say officials

Reuters
MOSCOW

Ukraine and Russia exchanged overnight drone strikes into early Friday, with Ukraine targeting a major oil processing and petrochemical region while Russia attacked railway stations and electrical substations.

Ukraine's strikes hit an apartment block in Russia's central Tatarstan injuring three, and Russia's attack in Ukraine's Sumy region killed a railway worker, officials said.

The strikes follow large air attacks by Russia on Ukraine in recent weeks, while Kyiv has intensified long-range drone strikes on Russian oil facilities, leading to shortages of fuel in Crimea and elsewhere.

Industrial facilities in Tatarstan were targeted, regional head Rustam Minnikhanov said on the Telegram messaging app. Regional city Nizhnekamsk will cancel public events on Friday amid the threat of drone attacks, its mayor, Radmir Belyayev, also said.

The country marks Russia Day on June 12 with a national holiday.

Russia downed 231 Ukrainian drones, news agencies reported, citing Russia's Defence Ministry. Both Russia and Ukraine deny targeting civilians.

U.S. plans to slash fighter jets, warships it provides to NATO in Europe: report

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. Air Force Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker air refuelling aircraft parked at Sofia's Vasil Levski Airport in Bulgaria. AFP

The United States plans to slash the number of fighter jets and warships it provides to NATO in Europe, the *New York Times* reported on Thursday.

The reported cutbacks come as European nations race to bolster their defence capacities since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 sparked fears that Moscow could attack a NATO country.

U.S. President Donald Trump has called the alliance a "paper tiger" and its members "cowards" in frustration that they have not joined the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran.

Washington plans to reduce the number of fighter jets it supplies to Europe by one third, cut all eight aerial refuelling tankers and reduce maritime reconnaissance aircraft, the *New York Times* reported, citing two unidentified senior European officials.

Other assets to be reallocated include a missile-launching submarine, an aircraft carrier, a group of bomber aircraft and several jets and warships.

The U.S. European Command said this month that it would reassess Washington's contributions to NATO to "ensure Europe takes primary responsibility for its own conventional defence".

The 32-member North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was founded in 1949 and its collective security is based on the principle that if one member is attacked, the entire alliance comes to its defence.

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ENTRY DENIED

Partey out of Panama game after Canada visa application refused

GETTY IMAGES

Ghana midfielder Thomas Partey will not take part in the World Cup Group L game against Panama in Toronto on Wednesday after his visa application to Canada was refused. "FIFA can confirm that player Thomas Partey will be unable to travel from Ghana's base camp in Boston to Canada," FIFA said in a statement.

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Defender Senesi takes Balerdi's place in the Argentina squad

FILE PHOTO

New Tottenham Hotspur signing Marcos Senesi completed a dream 24 hours when the 29-year-old central defender was called up to the Argentina World Cup squad to replace Leonardo Balerdi, who suffered a leg injury earlier this month. Senesi had an outstanding season for Premier League side Bournemouth.

HOPES BELIED

Japan captain Endo ends his int'l. career after injury setback

FILE PHOTO

Japan captain Wataru Endo was ruled out of the World Cup with injury and announced his international retirement on Thursday. The Liverpool midfielder pulled out of the tournament after failing to recover from a foot injury, and was replaced by Borussia Monchengladbach's Shuto Machino.

A SAD DAY

Brazil's 1970 World Cup winner Brito passes away aged 86

FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Brito, a centre-back who was part of Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning team, died at 86. The Brazilian Football Confederation announced that Brito passed away on Thursday. Brito played 61 games from 1964 to 1972, including one at the 1966 World Cup, while forming a strong defence alongside Wilson Piazza.

Co-host begins with a Mexican wave, eases past South Africa

Quinones and veteran striker Jimenez engineer a 2-0 victory in a match that sees three straight red cards

FIFA WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
MEXICO CITY

Precise and perfect: Quinones breaches the last line of the South African defence to drill home the first goal. AP

Mexico began its World Cup party with a dominant 2-0 victory over nine-man South Africa on Thursday as the biggest edition of the global football showpiece kicked off at the iconic Azteca Stadium.

Julian Quinones (ninth) scored the opening goal of the tournament and veteran striker Raul Jimenez (67th) added a second, helping the co-host make a smooth start to its qualification bid from Group A.

South Africa, meanwhile, never looked like spoiling the opening day fiesta, and finished with only nine men after Sphephelo Sithole and Themba Zwane were sent off.

The Mexican-coloured red, green and white smoke from pre-game fireworks had barely dissipated before Quinones fired his team into the lead, drilling a low shot through the legs of South Africa goalkeeper and captain Ronwen Williams.

A deafening roar cascaded down from the stands of the Azteca, the footballing cathedral that became the only stadium to host games at three different World Cups.

Nervousness

South Africa coach Hugo Broos had warned his players to be ready for the intimidating atmosphere created by a 80,824 crowd at the imposing concrete arena. But they looked to have a bad case of stage fright as Mexico's fans greeted each completed pass with a raucous chorus of "Ole!" in the opening minutes.

Sithole seemed particularly affected, being caught in possession while trying to play out from the back before Quinones' goal.

Sithole's miserable afternoon ended with a 49th-minute dismissal after he bundled over Mexico's Brian Gutierrez when he was clean through on goal.

Mexico rammed home its advantage in the 67th minute with a fine counter-attack culminating in Roberto Alvarado crossing for Jimenez to nod home at the far post.

Things got worse for South Africa in the 84th minute when Zwane was dismissed after a VAR review for flinging an arm into the face of Alvarado.

Late drama

There was still time for late drama as Mexican defender Cesar Montes was shown a red card for a clumsy challenge on Khulisa Mudau on the edge of the penalty area.

Cleverly done: In-beom's dummy floors the Czech defence as he scores Korea's opener. REUTERS

South Korea gets the better of Czechia, makes a strong start

Agence France-Presse
GUADALAJARA

South Korea got its World Cup campaign off to a winning start as it beat Czechia 2-1 on Thursday after finally converting some of the many chances it created.

Until the 80-minute mark, it seemed that the Czechs would punish the Koreans' wastefulness, but substitute Oh Hyeon-gyu scored the decisive goal.

Son Heung-min's Koreans had dominated the first half but was unable to find the net. The former Tottenham star blasted one effort over the bar before making a driving run to his left and evading two Czech defenders only to shoot the ball wide.

An entertaining second half began with the Czechs scoring against the run of play. Ladislav Krejci rose at the front post to power a header past Korean goalkeeper Kim Seung-gyu.

Hwang In-beom finally made the Korean pressure pay with a clever equaliser as he faked a shot and then caressed the ball over Czech 'keeper Matek Kovar on 67 minutes.

The Czechs had a goal disallowed before Hwang added to his goal an assist, crossing from the right for Oh to slot home.

When the final whistle sounded after a frantic end to the game, Son sank to the turf in joy.

Korea will face Mexico on June 18, while the Czechs will play the South Africans on the same day.

THE RESULTS

Group A: Mexico 2 (Quinones 9, Jimenez 67) bt South Africa 0. South Korea 2 (Hwang In-beom 67, Oh Hyeon-gyu 80) bt Czechia 1 (Krejci 59).

Stern test for Ancelotti's Brazil in intriguing clash against Morocco

Ayon Sengupta
NEW JERSEY

Lethal weapon: Coach Ancelotti will have big expectations from forward Raphinha. AFP

The road to the World Cup is built on promises. Some come from history, others from possibility. When Brazil and Morocco walk onto the pitch in East Rutherford, they bring both. One carries five stars and two decades of unfulfilled expectations, while the other arrives as the standard-bearer of African football's most ambitious generation.

Huge task

Their meeting is shaped as much by what came before as by what lies ahead. Brazil has entrusted Italian Carlo Ancelotti with ending the title drought, once unthinkable for the most successful nation in World Cup history.

Morocco arrives carrying the momentum of a semifinal run that changed perceptions of what African football could achieve, and the challenge of proving that breakthrough was the beginning rather than the peak.

Few opening games carry this much intrigue. Brazil arrives in North America with familiar expectations and unfamiliar circumstances.

Ancelotti is the first foreign coach to lead the Selecao at a World Cup, entrusted with ending a 24-year wait. His side remains rich in attacking talent, with Vinicius Junior and Raphinha expected to shoulder much of the creative burden, while Neymar continues his recovery from a calf injury.

Ancelotti has sought to make Brazil more direct, more structured and less dependent on moments of personal brilliance. Whether that evolution can survive the intensity of tournament football will become clearer against one of the most disciplined sides in the competition.

Tough opponent

The Atlas Lions are no longer outsiders capable of surprising opponents. They are African champions and semifinalists from the last World Cup, a team now expected to compete with the very best. The transition from Walid Regragui to Mohamed Ouahbi has added an attacking dimension to the team. While Morocco's defensive resilience remains intact, Ouahbi has encouraged a more adventurous approach, placing greater emphasis on possession and attacking combinations. Much will depend on Paris Saint-Germain's Achraf Hakimi, whose ability to influence both penalty areas makes him one of the game's most exciting talents.

Brazil will look to exploit space quickly through Vinicius and Raphinha, while Morocco will attempt to compress the midfield and attack through Brahim Diaz and Hakimi. The duel between Brazil's celebrated attack and Morocco's compact defensive structure promises to be one of the most engaging match-ups of the group stage.

With Scotland and Haiti still to come in Group C, neither side can afford an early stumble. A victory would provide momentum and breathing space, while a defeat would bring immediate scrutiny. For two nations harbouring ambitions far beyond the group stage, the World Cup begins with a test worthy of the occasion.

Swiss challenge for 'big unknown' Qatar

Reuters
SANTA CLARA

Qatar takes on Switzerland in the FIFA World Cup on Saturday, eager to shake off the pressure of expectation. It comes in as back-to-back Asian champion with an urgent need to make amends for a dismal debut as the host nation of the 2022 tournament.

Qatar's 2022 unravelling was unprecedented, losing all three matches and scoring once.

However, after rebounding to defend its Asian Cup title and qualifying easily for this World Cup, it needs a strong showing to earn any credibility on the global stage.

It might have hoped for a more gentle introduction, with the resurgent Swiss unbeaten in competitive matches since late 2024 following an impressive Euros run.

"We have to accept the fact that we will play against Switzerland first, and we have to be ready to do our best against a very strong team," Qatar's Spanish coach Julen Lopetegui said.

"We know our real reality, and that the competitors are better than us. But this does not mean surrendering ... it requires us to be ready in order to achieve our ambition and dream of being a strong contender."

With a squad of players mainly from its domestic league, Qatar has a cohesive unit that has been formidable in Asia but could struggle to fend off higher-level opposition in a Group B that also includes Bosnia and host Canada.

Against Switzerland, its fate could rest on defensive organisation and conditions that will ensure top goalscorer Almoez Ali and twice Asian Player-of-the-Year Akram Afif can get into the game.

Switzerland has stuck with the same group from the last World Cup, and will include emerging talent like Dan Ndoye and versatile newcomer Johan Manzambi in attack, supported by the dependable Granit Xhaka, Manuel Akanji and Ricardo Rodriguez.

Switzerland's record in reaching World Cups is matched only in Europe by Germany, France, Spain, England and Portugal, yet a quarterfinal has eluded it for seven decades with a string of round-of-16 exits.

Switzerland should advance from the group with ease, though coach Murat Yakin is taking Qatar seriously, considering it "the big unknown".

What's happening? Embolo, Okafor and Xhaka during a lively interaction at a Swiss training session. AP

Sunday's FIFA World Cup 2026 fixtures

Group B
Qatar vs. Switzerland, 00.30 a.m.
Group C
Brazil vs. Morocco, 3.30 a.m.
Haiti vs. Scotland, 6.30 a.m.
Group D
Australia vs. Turkiye, 9.30 a.m.
Group E
Germany vs. Curacao, 10.30 p.m.
The day and time(s) pertain to India

ICC T20 Women's World Cup - Today's Matches

Scotland vs. Ireland	Australia vs. South Africa	West Indies vs. New Zealand
Manchester, 3 p.m. IST	Manchester, 7 p.m. IST	Southampton, 11 p.m. IST
HEAD-TO-HEAD	HEAD-TO-HEAD	HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 15	Played: 11	Played: 24
Scotland 6 · Ireland 9	Australia 9 · South Africa 2	West Indies 5 · New Zealand 18 · NR 1

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 & JIOHOTSTAR

Renowned shooter and coach Jaspal Rana passes away at 49

After a decorated career, he transformed Indian shooting through his roles as a junior National team coach and high-performance trainer; the government conferred on him the prestigious Dronacharya Award in 2020

OBITUARY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Jaspal Rana, one of India's finest pistol shooters who made a hugely successful transition to coaching and guided Manu Bhaker to epoch-making twin bronze medals at the Paris Olympics, has passed away at the age of 49 after battling cardiac complications.

Rana is survived by wife Reena Rana, daughter Devanshi, son Yuvraj, father Narayan Singh Rana, and two siblings, Sushma Singh and Subhash Rana.

According to National Rifle Association of India president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, Rana breathed his last at a Delhi hospital on Thursday night. Sources said he died of complications related to heart.

He recently underwent a medical procedure after falling ill during the Indian contingent's return flight from the ISSF World Cup in Munich.

Rana was serving as the high-performance coach for Indian pistol shooters.

Lasting impact: Rana's work with the juniors created a pipeline of talented shooters. FILE PHOTO: PTI

Rana, who was considered a maverick in Indian shooting circles for his outspoken demeanour and passion for the sport, was a prodigal talent and won his first National level gold at just 12.

His international breakthrough were the 25m gold medals at the 1994 Commonwealth and Asian Games. In fact, the Asiad gold was India's first in 16 years after Randhir Singh opened the account in 1978.

Rana's biggest moment came in the 2006 Doha Asian Games when he snared three gold medals and a silver in a sensational performance. He also remains India's most successful Commonwealth Games athlete with 15 medals (including nine golds) across four editions.

After a decorated career, Rana transformed Indian shooting through his roles as a junior National team coach and high-performance trainer.

His most significant coaching contribution was mentoring Manu and helping her secure two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Games, making her the first Indian to achieve such a feat.

As a junior pistol coach since 2012, he also groomed teen sensations such as Saurabh Chaudhary, Anish Bhanwala, and Chinki Yadav.

A tough taskmaster, Rana is credited with instituting rigorous training routines. The government conferred on him the Dronacharya Award in 2020.

Champion athlete, exceptional mentor

Deeply saddened by the passing of Jaspal Rana. It's a profound loss to the world of Indian sports. He brought immense glory to the nation through his extraordinary achievements in shooting
PM NARENDRA MODI

As a champion athlete and an exceptional mentor, he leaves behind an inspiring legacy
SPORTS MINISTER MANSUKH MANDAVIYA

Heartbroken to hear about Jaspal Rana's passing. Jaspal was my teammate, and in many ways, part of a generation that helped shape Indian shooting
OLYMPIC CHAMPION ABHINAV BINDRA

A giant of Indian shooting who leaves behind a legacy

TRIBUTE

Kamesh Srinivasan

Jaspal Rana was excellence in a hurry. He did everything so early that he captured the imagination of the entire nation with his brilliant shooting and bubbly personality at a young age.

In 1994, he won the World Championship junior gold, apart from two gold medals, one silver and a bronze in the Commonwealth Games and one gold and as many bronze in the Asian Games in Hiroshima. He kept getting better with age and shone bright yet again in the 2006 Doha Asian Games, striking three gold medals.

The Olympics and World Championships medals eluded him despite his exploits in the Commonwealth Games. Coach and mentor Tibor Gonczol used to confide that Jaspal owed him a big medal.

Jaspal did admit that he kept shooting the non-Olympic events – standard pistol and centre fire pistol – as the medals at various levels were very important for the country. This was exceptional maturity and unselfish attitude that may have gone unnoticed.

Making amends: Rana, who failed to win an Olympic medal, guided Manu to glory at Paris 2024. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"For 16 years, I performed in the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. Tibor tried to prepare me for the Olympics. I did not have the mindset to give up on something I was so good at, and which gave Indian shooting such an identity, and pursue something in which I was not so good. Had I compromised my time with other events, I may not have been that good in anything. Those two events were important in getting Indian shooting the recognition and the progress that it has made thus far," Jaspal had said.

"All the support for shooting was triggered because of that. I didn't want to change any of that just because I had to be at my best in the Olympics, for which there was no guarantee. It was not meant for me, and I have no regrets." When Manu Bhaker won two bronze medals in the Paris Olympics in 2024, under his guidance, Jaspal did feel that he had answered the faith of Tibor, who had laid such a strong foundation for Indian shooting.

It was Jaspal's 'guru dakshina' for the incomparable coach.

Jaspal won the Arjuna Award when he was very young, and the Dronacharya Award was bestowed on him for his stupendous accomplishments as a coach.

Jaspal was indeed a giant of Indian shooting. His exit will undoubtedly strengthen the resolve of the young shooters to be at their best on the world stage, as a tribute to his rich contribution to Indian sport.

Style is the man: Williamson's delectable strokeplay was a treat for the eyes. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK & AFP

Williamson — a genius generous with grace

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

New Zealand is often restricted to the lazy cliche of being a land of sheep, but this island nation blending the ethnic Maori spirit with an overwhelming colonial influence often throws up the quietest of sporting icons. The biggest proponent of this trait is Kane Williamson, who bid adieu to international cricket on Friday.

In the past there was a press conference in which he was asked: "How are you so nice?" A half-grin creased his face, his eyes became narrow slits, a blush tinged his bearded cheek while he grappled with the query.

This is a man who will give catching practice to his dog in the backyard and post cute videos. The man who will bottle up grief while squaring up to the media after a heart-breaking loss to England in the 2019 World Cup final at Lord's. Always grace, and always words that are gentle whispers.

There is a hallowed space for the late Martin Crowe in the pantheon of New Zealand batting legends. The list has Ross Taylor, Stephen Fleming and Brendon McCullum too, but it is a line-up led by Williamson with 9,515 Test runs averaging 54.06. Add 7,256 ODI runs and a T20I yield of 2,575, and you get a batter right from the top-drawer.

Often drawn alongside his contemporary greats like Joe Root, Virat Kohli and Steve Smith, Williamson carved a distinct path and was also a fine captain. The philosophy that the Black Caps could always punch above their weight gained more heft when Williamson was at the helm. And he guided his unit to an ICC Test Championship triumph in 2021.

Having played in the recent Lord's Test that New Zealand lost, the 35-year-old genius felt it was time to leave. "I have thought about it for a while, but over the last few days it's become clear now is the right time." With Kohli having already quit the Test whites, it just leaves Root and Smith to jostle for top batting honours.

Williamson, the least marketed among the big four, was a splendid batter. He could bat time, and if needed hustle too. Equally adept against pace and spin, there was an unhurried air about his forays to the pitch. It is to his credit that any reference to him in the future would still linger on both his batsmanship and endearing warmth.

WILLIAMSON'S INTERNATIONAL JOURNEY

	M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100s/50s
Tests	110	195	9515	251	54.06	51.97	33/38
ODIs	175	167	7256	148	48.69	81.59	15/47
T20Is	93	90	2575	95	33.44	123.08	0/18

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SNAPSHOTS

Dhiraj enters recurve semifinals

Olympian B. Dhiraj entered the recurve men's individual semifinals to stay in the medal hunt at the Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya on Friday.

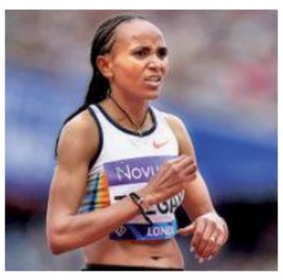
Dhiraj, who got byes in the first two rounds, defeated Germany's Leon Zemella 6-2, Iran's Mohammadhossein Golshani Asl 6-2 and Italy's Massimiliano Mandia 6-2 in the quarterfinals to set up a semifinal clash with another German Moritz Wieser.

Dhiraj, who earlier joined hands with Kumkum Mohod to reach the mixed team final, will have a chance to secure two medals.

No other Indian, including well-known names such as Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Atanu Das in recurve and V. Jyothi Surekha and Parneet Kaur in compound, could make it to the individual medal rounds.

Neeraj to miss Doha Diamond League

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is set to miss the Doha Diamond League, to be held on June 19, as he is still recuperating from a back injury in Switzerland.



Tsegay. FILE PHOTO

Neeraj, who won gold and silver medals at the 2020 and 2024 Olympics respectively, began his Diamond League campaign in Doha last year and breached the 90m mark. The 28-year-old from Haryana is currently in Bienne, Switzerland, for a 47-day off-season training camp.

Gasly reinstated to Monaco GP podium

Pierre Gasly. REUTERS

French driver Pierre Gasly's third place finish in last weekend's Monaco Grand Prix has been reinstated after stewards rescinded two penalties he received, the FIA announced on Friday.
Gasly had crossed the finish line in third place but received two five-second penalties for speeding in the pit lane by 0.1 and 0.4 km/h respectively and was ultimately classified seventh.
However, his Alpine team contested these penalties and won the case due to a timing issue.
Gasly was one of five drivers who were given five-second time penalties for speeding at the Monaco Grand Prix including Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes' George Russell, McLaren's Oscar Piastri and Franco Colapinto.

Tsegay banned over doping violation

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has banned two-time long distance World champion Gudaf Tsegay for four months after she failed to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for a banned substance. The 29-year-old Ethiopian tested positive for a metabolite of Letrozole, which is a banned substance, in an out of competition test in early December, the AIU said on Friday.

West Indies sails past Sri Lanka by seven wickets

Rovman Powell hit a six in the final over on Thursday to clinch a seven-wicket win for the West Indies over Sri Lanka in the first of three T20Is in Kingston, Jamaica.

Jason Holder and Shamar Joseph led the West Indian bowlers with three wickets each.

The scores: Sri Lanka 147/9 in 20 overs (Kusal Mendis 36, Kamindu Mendis 51, Jason Holder 3/18, Shamar Joseph 3/29) lost to West Indies 149/3 in 19.2 overs (Brandon King 37, Shai Hope 65, Wanindu Hasaranga 2/32).

Toss: Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh skipper Mehidy hospitalised

Bangladesh captain Mehidy Hasan Miraz was taken to the hospital for observation after suffering a concussion during his side's historic ODI series-clinching victory over Australia in Dhaka. The all-rounder was struck on the side of his helmet by a sharp Riley Meredith bouncer during Bangladesh's chase in the second ODI on Thursday. Mehidy was assessed on the field by team physio and the Australian team doctor.

LIVE TELECAST

Tri-series: Afghanistan-A vs Sri Lanka-A, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 10 a.m.

Archery World Cup: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 12.30 & 4.30 p.m.

India vs Afghanistan: 1st ODI, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.30 p.m.

Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3, 7 & 11 p.m.

FIFA World Cup: Unite8 Sports 1, 2 & Z5 App, 12.30, 3.30 & 6.30 a.m. (Sunday)

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Vultures CC to meet Palar SC in final

Pooja Kumari's unbeaten 62 helped Vultures CC beat Coles CC by 65 runs and enter the final of the KSCA Senior Women's T20 tournament.

In the summit clash, Vultures will take on Palar SC, Kolar, which overcame FUCC (1) by 19 runs.

The scores (semifinals):
Vultures 128/5 in 20 overs (Pooja Kumari 62 n.o.) bt Coles 63 in 18.5 overs.

Palar SC, Kolar 163/8 in 20 overs (G.R. Prerana 48, B.G. Tejashwini 49) bt FUCC (1) 144 in 19.4 overs.

Shrijith, Praveen shine for Vultures CC

K.L. Shrijith scored a century (101) and Praveen Dubey starred with an all-round effort (65 n.o. & four for 25) as Vultures CC beat Swastic Union CC (1) by 25 runs to enter the final of the KSCA Y.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy.

In the title decider, Vultures will meet Swastic Union (2), which beat Herons CC by seven wickets.

The scores (semifinals):
Vultures 274/8 in 50 overs (K.L. Shrijith 101, K.P. Karthikeya 41, Praveen Dubey 65 n.o.) bt Swastic Union (1) 222 in 41.3 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 110, E.J. Jasper 69 n.o., Praveen Dubey 4/25).

Note: target revised to 248 in 43 overs because of rain; Vultures won by 25 runs.

Herons 179 in 33.1 overs (Aditya Mani 63 n.o.) lost to Swastic Union (2) 181/3 in 23.4 overs (Vishal Onat 54 n.o., Aneeshwar Gautam 51).

Money Bags poised for hat-trick

BENGALURU: Money Bags, who is in fine nick, is poised for a hat-trick in the Meydan Plate (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 13).
False rails (width about 7.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SNOW DEW PLATE (Div. II), 1,400m, rated 00 to 25, 2.00 p.m.: 1. Ad Meliora (2) A.A. Vikrant 60.5, 2. Diesel (4) Sandesh 60.5, 3. Jolie's Star (3) Antony 59, 4. Ransomware (6) M. Rajesh K 58.5, 5. Sling Shot (5) Faizan Khan 58.5, 6. Rising Form (8) Neeraj 58, 7. Whitney (7) Rayan 58 and 8. Wakizashi (1) Mukesh 53.
1. DIESEL, 2. JOLIE'S STAR, 3. SLING SHOT

2 SIR CECIL PLATE (Div. II), 1,200m, rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2.30: 1. Flash (4) Bhawani S 60, 2. Shahenshaah (10) Abdul Fazal 59.5, 3. Chotipari (2) S. Sachin 57, 4. Star Honour (8) A.S. Peter 56.5, 5. Glorious Spectre (1) Vishal S 56, 6. Absolute Katrina (9) Sai Kiran 55.5, 7. Roadrunner (3) Laxman S 55.5, 8. Amazing Attraction (6) Vishal 54.5, 9. Divo (7) Jagadeesh 54 and 10. River Deep (5) A. Asbar 51.5.
1. RIVER DEEP, 2. ABSOLUTE KATRINA, 3. DIVO

3 SNOW DEW PLATE (Div. I), 1,400m, rated 00 to 25, 3-00: 1. Husanara (5) Saurav Rawat 62.5, 2. Agrima (4) Laxman S 61, 3. Carter (8) Vishal 61, 4. Ice Queen (7) B.L. Paswan 61, 5. Palma (3) Arul 61, 6. Rightly Noble (6) Vishal S 60.5, 7. Hold Your Breath (1) M. Rajesh K 59 and 8. Forever Royal (2) A. Asbar 58.5.
1. FOREVER ROYAL, 2. CARTER, 3. AGRIMA

4 MEYDAN PLATE (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 3-30: 1. Ricardo (6) Aleemuddin 62.5, 2. Credence (8) Aditya W 61.5, 3. Czar (4) S. Sachin 60, 4. Star Glory (7) Yash 58, 5. Touch Of Grey (5) Vishwa V 58, 6. Money Bags (2) Antony 55.5, 7. Never Give In (1) Neeraj 53 and 8. Efficacy (3) Akshay K 52.5.
1. MONEY BAGS, 2. EFFICACY, 3. RICARDO

5 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 4-00: 1. The Leader (7) B.L. Paswan 60, 2. Sassy Sarah (5) Akshay K 58.5, 3. Baashha (2) S. Sachin 58, 4. Star Of India (8) Neeraj 56.5, 5. Stravinsky (1) M. Rajesh K 56.5, 6. Badshaah (3) Sai Kiran 55.5, 7. Oliver (4) G. Vivek 55.5 and 8. Kiss Of Grey (8) A.A. Vikrant 54.5.
1. SASSY SARAH, 2. STAR OF INDIA, 3. OLIVER

6 DHARMAPRAKASHA L.S. VENKAJI RAO MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Haboob (5) Darshan 56, 2. Theos (4) Hindu S 56, 3. Cantarina (-) (-) 54.5, 4. Pearl Star (1) Akshay K 54.5, 5. Quannah (3) Sandesh 54.5 and 6. Sprezzatura (2) G. Vivek 54.5.
1. PEARL STAR, 2. QUANNAH

7 SIR CECIL PLATE (Div. I), 1,200m, rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Eclipse Pulse (4) S. Sachin 62.5, 2. Noble Cause (7) G. Vivek 59.5, 3. Star Comet (2) Akshay K 59.5, 4. Ebotse (6) Aleemuddin 59, 5. IL Volo (5) M. Rajesh K 57, 6. Makoto (8) Abdul Fazal 57, 7. Augusto (1) Arvind K 56.5, 8. Carat Love (9) Mukesh 56.5, 9. Breeze Bluster (3) Vishal 55 and 10. Bezawada Baasha (10) Vishal S 54.
1. NOBLE CAUSE, 2. ECLIPSE PULSE, 3. CARAT LOVE

Day's best: **MONEY BAGS**

Double: **SASSY SARAH - PEARL STAR**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Spotlight on Sooryavanshi as India-A hopes to live up to its favourite tag

The teen opener, who showed flashes of brilliance in the two outings, needs to spend more time at the crease to make a significant impact

TRI-SERIES

Shayan Acharya
COLOMBO

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has already shown enough to suggest that something special is brewing. Before embarking on the biggest assignments of his young career – a tour of Ireland and England with the Indian senior team – the teenager has made his presence felt in the ongoing tri-series involving the A teams of India, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

He has sparkled in short bursts, peppering the boundary ropes with fearless strokes and showcasing the carefree swagger that has quickly become his trademark. Every time he walks out to bat, there is a sense of anticipation.

Yet, those flashes of brilliance have remained just flashes. A promising start here, a whirlwind 22-ball 44 there, enough to leave spectators enthralled but also wondering what might happen if he spends a little more time at the crease.

In the challenging conditions of Dambulla, where spin often dictates terms, Sooryavanshi now has another opportunity to convert promise into substance.

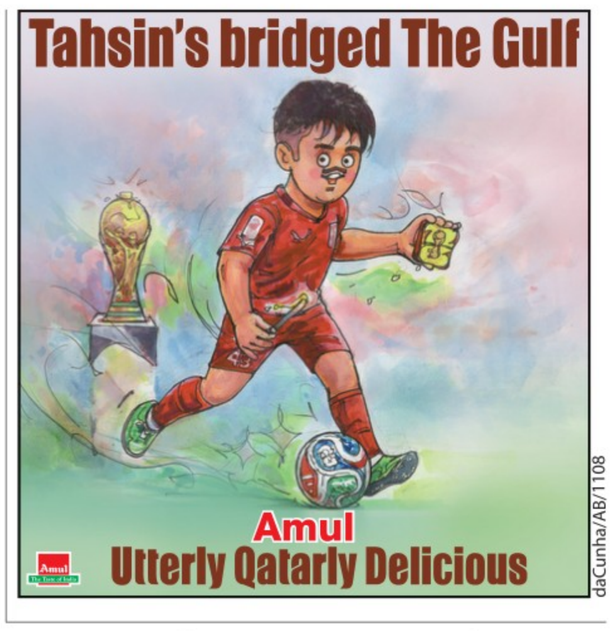
India-A faces Sri Lanka-A and Afghanistan-A in its remaining round-robin fixtures next Monday and Wednesday, with the youngster hoping to extend his stay in the middle and help steer his side into the final.

India-A began the tournament as one of the favourites but has endured a mixed campaign so far. It escaped with a narrow victory over Sri Lanka-A before suffering a surprise defeat to Afghanistan-A in a rain-affected contest.

"Let him be on his own," former India captain Sourav Ganguly told *The Hindu* about Sooryavanshi.

Having nurtured several young cricketers, Ganguly believes it is important not to burden Sooryavanshi with excessive expectations. "He is a special talent, and we have all seen that in the IPL. He will obviously learn and improve as he grows, but it's important to let him play freely and not put too much pressure on him. He is just 15," Ganguly added.

Mixed campaign: India-A escaped with a narrow win over Sri Lanka-A before suffering a surprise defeat at the hands of Afghanistan-A. X@BCCI



Fourth season of GCL to be hosted in Bengaluru from September 3

Sports Bureau

The fourth season of the Global Chess League (GCL) will be held in Bengaluru from September 3.

Top players are expected to feature in the league, which is being organised in India for the second straight year. The inaugural edition was in Dubai in 2023, London hosted the second season the next year followed by Mumbai (2025).

"The GCL, which is a joint initiative of Tech Mahindra and FIDE, has already changed the format of the game by including franchise teams, mixed-gender line-ups, and rapid-fire matches. Season-4 will again feature the world's leading players competing in a team-based format," the organisers said in a statement.

> India continues to be at the forefront of the global chess movement, and Bengaluru provides the perfect setting to build on this momentum
> **ARKADY DVORKOVICH**
> FIDE president

Gourav Rakshit, commissioner of GCL, said that bringing the league to Bengaluru felt like "a defining moment not only for the league but also for the evolution of the game itself."

FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich said, "India continues to be at the forefront of the global chess movement, and Bengaluru provides the perfect setting to build on this momentum."

Uphold proud legacy of Karnataka cricket: Kumble

Happy occasion: KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad with Kumble at the launch of Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters' jersey. K. MURALI KUMAR

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Former India captain Anil Kumble urged cricketers competing in the upcoming Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 to uphold the proud legacy of Karnataka cricket.

"What is important is to carry the Karnataka flag high. You're not just representing the franchise, but you're also representing the State," Kumble said at the jersey launch event of the Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters franchise here on Friday.

"This State has a wonderful legacy. It is something that is carried with you when you go on to play for the country as well."

Facing pressure

Kumble explained that while IPL scouts are bound to take note of good performances in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20, he warned against letting the pressure affect performances on the field.

"I don't want players to feel that they are being watched. The moment you feel that, performances go down.

"Just go out there, do what you're capable of, and things will pan out," Kumble said.

KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad, KSCA hon. secretary Santosh Menon, Rohan M. Raju and Priyanka M. Raju, directors of the Kalyani Group of Companies, A. Venkateswara Rao, CEO of Kalyani Motors Pvt. Ltd., were some of the dignitaries in attendance.

Three golfers share the lead

MYSURU: Anvitha Narender, Ananyaa Sood and Riya Jadon shared the lead with a two-day aggregate of 140 in the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour Leg 7 at the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar golf course on Friday.

A total of 30 players made the cut after round two.

Top scores: 1. Anvitha Narender (72, 68), Ananyaa Sood (71, 69), Riya Jadon (67, 73), 4. Durga Nittur (71, 71), Amandeep Drall (70, 72), Vidhatri K. Urs (69, 73), Anvvi Dahhiya (69, 73).

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic Commercial Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTMC, K.H. Road,Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/2016/853/2026-27 Date: 12.06.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 10/2026-27
(Through e-Procurement Platform)
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites bids from the interested Persons/Agency/company on monthly license fee basis for **General Stalls (built and Open space), Refreshment Rooms, commercial spaces and Prestige Apartment Flats through** e-procurement platform.

Pre-Bid meeting Date & time	**18.06.2026 at 11:30 hrs (Only for commercial /Office space with more than 10,000 sq.ft)**	**Place: Chief Traffic Manager (Com) chamber, 2nd Floor, Central Offices, BMTC, Shanthinagar.**
Last date for submission of bids		**06.07.2026 up to 17:00 hrs.**
Date of Opening Technical and Financial bids		**08.07.2026 at 11:00 am**

For further details on license fees, EMD, Area and other conditions log on to: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 09240214000, 09240214001, 22371090, 22340060, 22340948 or 7760997519 & 7760991222 E-mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**
Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender Inviting Authority)

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Shivamogga.
Tender Notice No.: EE/SDS/JE-2/IFT-08/C-01/2026-27
Date: 12.06.2026
Corrigendum Tender Notice
Reference No.: EE/SDS/AE-1&2/JE-1&2/IFT-08/P-01/2026-27 Date: 06.06.2026
As per the Tender Notice of above Reference in e-procurement related to works of Sagar Taluk, in the Rules of work of I. No. 36346 it was published as Reserved for S.C., it should be read as Reserved for S.T. and the Rules of work of I. No. 36337 it was published as Reserved for S.T., it should be read as Reserved for S.C. Correction has been done in e-procurement portal, the said rules have also been uploaded.
There are no other changes. Further details can be obtained from this office (Ph. No.: 08182-274942) and Helpline phone no.: 080-23010900/23010901.
Sd/- E.E., Public Works Department, Division, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/54/06/363

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bengaluru Division
2nd Floor, PWD Annexe Building,K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001. Ph: 080-22133370
No.: 08/2026-27 Date: 12.06.2026
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Item-rate tenders for the work in PWD, **No. 1 South and Anekal** Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in KPWD as per KPPP. Tender Notification are published **for 02 works (Rs. 17.30 to Rs. 46.00 lakhs).** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal. Sl. No. 1: (1)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or before 4.00 PM on 29.06.2026. (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal is on **30.06.2026 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated. **Sl. No. 2: (1)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or before 4.00 PM on 19.06.2026. (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal is on **20.06.2026 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated. For more details contact this office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DD-C.P/1132/KSMCA/2026-27

"District Urban Devlopment Cell -583101"
Gmail: ka.ballari.dudc@gmail.com
No:DUDC Ballari/Tech/DMF/E-Auction/Tender/2026-27/call-03 Date:09.06.2026
E-Auction notification
Notice is hereby given that the District Mineral Fund (2026-27) endowment amount will be put up for fixed deposit in Public Sector/RRB Banks as per applicable rules. E-Auction (DMA/2026-27/AUCTION6863) is invited through KPP Portal. Interested Public Sector/RRB Banks are requested to participate.Documents are available on (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) from 09.06.2026 to 20.06.2026, 4:30 PM.Schedule of Events are as below:
Events/Schedule: 1.E- Auction Published Date : **09-06-2026 11.00 AM.** 2.Date of uploading bid Documents in e-portal: **09-06-2026 11.00 AM.** 3.Pre auction Meeting @ DMFT Cell, New DC Office Bly: **16-06-2026 11.00 AM.** 4.Last Date And Time For Submit the Query: **16-06-2026 11.00 AM.** 5.Last date to upload the Declaration in Schedule A & B along with adhering documents as requested: **20-06-2026 4.30 PM.** 6.Evaluation of documents: **22-06-2026 @ 10:00 AM.** 7.E- Auction Start & End Date: **24-06-2026 @ 10:00 AM TO 24-06-2026 03.00 PM.** 8.Probable date of Investment confirmation to selected bank: **Last Week of June-2026**
For further details and information regarding E-Auction, please contact the Special Officer, District Mineral Foundation Trust, Office of the Deputy commissioner, Bellary (Tel. No.: 08392-295468).
Sd/- Executive Engineer
District Urban Development Cell Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/234

TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY CARE CENTRE
(Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute)
Office of the Special Officer, Bangalore
Website: www.teccbmcri.karnataka.gov.in | Tele: 080-26802725
E-mail: sploffrtc@gmail.com
No: TCC/Tender/P-Notification/02/2025-26 Date: 10.06.2026
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender are invited through KPP portal for procurement of Equipment for Trauma & Emergency Care Center, BMCRI, Bangalore.

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Details	Schedule
01	DME/2026-27 IND2390	**SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL DOORS**	➢ Commencement date for uploading of E-tenders: **11/06/2026** ➢ E-Tender Pre-Bid meeting: **16/06/2026 at 3:30 PM** ➢ Last date for uploading the E-tenders: **25/06/2026 upto 5:00 PM** ➢ Date of Opening of E-tender Technical Bid: **27/06/2026, at 11:00 AM**

Tender details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPPP mode only website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact Special Officer, BMCRI Trauma & Emergency Care Center, Victoria Hospital Campus, K.R Road, Bangalore. Ph: 080-26802727, e-mail: **sploffrtcc@gmail.com** website: **https://teccbmcri.karnataka.gov.in.**
DIPR/CP/1141/SPAN/2026-27
Sd/- Special Officer, Trauma & Emergency Care Centre, BMCRI

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
No: BDA/2026-27/SE0108 Date:12.06.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Bangalore Development Authority invites tenders for **"Professional Photography, Videography, Drone Coverage and GWR-Compliant Evidence Documentation Services for the Green Bengaluru 15 Lakh Saplings Plantation Drive (Guinness World Record Attempt)"** for Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).
Tender documents are available on the e-Procurement portal from **12.06.2026** and the last date for bid submission is **19.06.2026, 1:30 PM.** Technical bids will be opened on **20.06.2026 at 3:00 PM.**
Interested bidders may refer to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed information or contact the EDP Cell, BDA head office, Bengaluru-560020. Any changes or updates will be published only on the e-Procurement portal, so bidders are requested to check the portal regularly.
Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok
Sd/- Head of Department, EDP Cell, BDA, Bengaluru.

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DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP)
ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)
Plot No.12 &13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-58.
Fax: 080-28094180. Ph: 080-28094185, 4144, 4541
CORRIGENDUM-I Dated: 30.04.2026
On behalf of President of India, Sealed **item rate E-Tender** is invited online from contractors of appropriate class for following work.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/E-TN-10/2026-27 Dated: 22.05.2026**
Name of work	**Supply, Installation and Commissioning of DC breakers, Uninyvin cables and bettery bank stands at IDSN campus, ISTRAC, Byalalu, Bengaluru**
Estimated Cost put to Tender	**Rs. 20.48 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of Completion	**Three (03) Months**
Period during which the tender documents can be downloaded	**From 16.00 hrs. on 23.05.2026 to 06.06.2026 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 20.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Bid clarifications	**From 11.00 hrs. on 24.05.2026 to 07.06.2026 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 21.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	**08.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended upt to 22.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**09.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended upt to 23.06.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**11.06.2026 after 11.00 hrs. Extended upt to 25.06.2026 after 11.00 hrs.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 40,960.00**

For eligiblity criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and the tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**
Sd/- Group Head-CMG

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(Wholly owned by Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U40010KA2002SGC030438)
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)
BESCOM invites tenders through KPP Portal from eligible bidders against Enquiry No: **BESCOM/2026-27/IND0247/Call-2,** for **Procurement of Earthing/Grounding Pipes-GI.** Bid Documents available on or before: **15.06.2026**. Last date for submission of Bids **29.06.2026, 17:00 Hrs.** Opening of Bid Document: **30.06.2026, 17:15 Hrs.**
The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers: **(+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777)** or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**
Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/-Chief General Manager(Ele.,), Procurement, Corporate office, BESCOM, 2nd Floor, K R Circle, Bengaluru-560001.
For Electricity related complaints call : 1912
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BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Building Maintenance & Transport), BCCC Ground Floor, Annex Building-2, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE/B.M&T/TEND/02/2026-27 Date: 12-06-2026
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Building Maintenance & Transport, BCCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Repair and Maintenance of Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Public Utility Building M.G. Road in East Zone. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (in Rs.): 1,87,68,039/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,82,000/-**
2	Providing 10 Passengers Lift & Construction of Lift Room in Inside Main Building at GBA Head Office Premises. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (in Rs.): 37,74,779/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 75,500/-**
3	Providing & Fixing of Mikes and Audio Equipments to Meeting Hall-1 at Head office GBA Building. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (in Rs.): 29,36,390/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 59,000/-**
4	Annual Maintenance for Fire Fighting Equipments, Smoke Detectors and Fire Hydrants System at Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Public Utility Building, BCCC, Mayohall for the year 2026-27. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (in Rs.): 28,96,409/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.):58,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 13-06-2026. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **17-06-2026 before 16.30 Hours through KPP Portal Only. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **18-06-2026 at 4.30 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Zone-2), BCCC, 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BCCC Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 4)** Tenders must be Submitted Online through KPP Portal **on or before 16.30 Hours on 22-06-2026. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, (Building Maintenance & Transport Division) on 23-06-2026 at 17.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office. **Sd/- Executive Engineer**
Building Maintenance & Transport, BCCC.

Ready to fire: The series presents an opportunity for the Men in Blue to prepare for the tougher challenges ahead. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Gill's India aims to extend domination against Afghans

Rohit all set to become the oldest man to play for the country in ODIs; Kishan or Rahul to bat at No. 3 in Kohli's absence; the visitor has won its previous five bilateral series in the 50-over format

AFGHANISTAN IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
DHARAMSHALA

Fans in India have been bingeing on T20 cricket this year, starting with the men's World Cup, followed by more than two months of IPL. A few days after the T20 league, there was the one-off Test against Afghanistan. After witnessing cricket at both extremes of the sport's format spectrum, focus now shifts to the middle ground when the Men in Blue take on the Afghans in a three-match ODI series starting here at the picturesque HPCA Stadium on Saturday.

Nowadays, there is heightened buzz whenever India plays one-dayers, considering two of the country's biggest stars, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, continue to don the national colours only in this format. Unfortunately, Kohli will miss this assignment due to a hamstring injury he sustained during the IPL final.

Fans, though, can still enjoy former skipper Rohit, who recently cleared a fitness test. And it is an aspect of the opener's game that the decision-makers will keenly watch as they chart out their preparations for the 2027 World Cup.

Rohit had a lean IPL in which he missed five games due to injury and needs to make full use of these outings to regain form.

Rohit at 39 years and 44 days will become the oldest man to play for the country in ODIs and is due for a big knock after a below-par effort against New Zealand earlier in the year.

On the team combination front, though Yashasvi Jaiswal has replaced Kohli, the side has a readymade one-drop batter in Ishan Kishan, who has been recalled after more than two years. K.L. Rahul is another option at No. 3.

The host will also want to see what promising pacers Prince Yadav and Gurnoor Brar, along with spin-bowling all-rounder Harsh Dubey, can offer.

No pushover

While on paper the Shubman Gill-led outfit starts as favourite, the visitor won't be a pushover. Afghanistan has won its previous five bilateral ODI series, beating teams such as South Africa, Ireland, Zimbabwe, and Bangladesh (twice). Hashmatullah Shahidi's squad has good depth across departments. Mohammad Nabi and Rashid Khan bring valuable experience to a line-up that also boasts exciting young talents.

Since the first meeting between the two sides in 2010, Afghanistan have not defeated India in any of the three versions. However, this series offers the upstart – which has beaten every other full-member side in international cricket – a chance to change that.

And they only need to look at their own A team, which upstaged India-A in Sri Lanka in a one-day game on Thursday, for inspiration. Can the senior team follow suit?

The teams (from): India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer (Vice-capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, K.L. Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Nitish Kumar, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Prince Yadav, Gurnoor Brar, and Harsh Dubey.
Afghanistan: Hashmatullah Shahidi (Capt.), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Ibrahim Zadran, Sediqullah Atal, Rahmat Shah, Ikram Alikhil (wk), Mohammad Nabi, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Nangyal Kharotai, Allah Ghazanfar, Zia Ur Rahman Sharifi, Fareed Malik, and Bilal Sami.
Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

Decision pending: It remains to be seen whether Kishan or Rahul (background) will walk in at No. 3. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Will play around with the No. 3 spot: Morkel

S. Dipak Ragav
DHARAMSHALA

India bowling coach Morne Morkel hinted that the team would rotate players to bat at No. 3 in the absence of Virat Kohli during the three-match ODI series against Afghanistan.

"That's something that we'll play around with, [whether] it's Ishan (Kishan) or K.L. (Rahul) or Yashasvi (Jaiswal)," said Morkel in response to a question on who will take the former skipper's place.

"We have got a couple of one-day games coming up, and we'll give guys an opportunity in different slots to give ourselves a better idea of how we can structure teams and have different options," he said on the eve of the first ODI at the HPCA Stadium.

In the last five years, Rahul has become a dependable performer in the middle-order, batting at No. 5 or lower most of the time. Interestingly, on Friday, Kishan was seen donning the gloves during training while Rahul – who has been India's designated wicket-keeper for a while now – was taking outfield catches, giving credence to the fact that the Karnataka batter could get a promotion. Commenting on new pacers Prince Yadav and Gurnoor Brar, who are in line for their international debuts, Morkel felt they are quite ready for the challenge. "First impressions, it is almost like they've been part of the squad for five years. I saw no nervousness on their face. The way they've gone about training, the energy they've trained with, was good to see."

Meanwhile, Afghanistan skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi felt his side's recent form in the 50-over format gives it the confidence to spring a surprise on the Men in Blue.

"India is a tough opposition. But at the same time, we have also played quality cricket in this format in the recent past. So, it will be a good contest between both teams," said Shahidi.

Sindhu storms into the semis; Tanvi crashes out

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
SYDNEY

P.V. Sindhu stormed into the women's singles semi-finals of the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a commanding straight-game victory over Taiwan's Chen Su Yu, here on Friday.

The third-seeded Indian won 21-6, 21-9 in a one-sided quarterfinal contest that lasted just 27 minutes.

Sindhu will next face top seed Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, who ended the impressive run of Indian teenager Tanvi Sharma with a 21-14, 21-14 victory in 32 minutes.

Sindhu incidentally holds a narrow 15-13 head-to-head advantage over the world No. 3 Japanese.

The Indian men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and M.R. Arjun exited in the quarterfinals after conceding while trailing 19-21, 9-16 against Chen Cheng Kuan and Liu Kuang Heng of Taiwan.

The results (quarterfinals):
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Chen Su Yu 21-6, 21-9; Akane Yamaguchi bt Tanvi Sharma 21-14, 21-14.
Men: Doubles: Chen Cheng Kuan & Liu Kuang Heng bt Hariharan Amsakarunan & M.R. Arjun 21-19, 16-9 retd.

One-sided: Sindhu sailed past Chen in a quarterfinal contest that lasted just 27 minutes. X@BAI_MEDIA

Sindhu to lead Indian team at World c'ship

ANI
NEW DELHI

P.V. Sindhu will lead the Indian contingent at the World championships from August 17 to 23. Lakshya Sen and Ayush Shetty will take part in the men's singles while Sindhu and Unnati Hooda will feature in women's singles.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will be spearhead the host's challenge in men's doubles.

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UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)

Notice Inviting Tender

Tender Ref. No: UPMSCL/Drugs-261/12 Dated: 05-06-2026

e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DIAGNOSTIC KIT TO UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of Dengue Ns-1 KIT to UPMSCL. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website https://etender.up.nic.in and www.upmsc.in. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is **29-06-2026** up to **15:00 Hrs**

Managing Director
UPMSCL, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

AXIS BANK LIMITED

Public Notice for – Auction of pledged assets being Gold Ornaments

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are here buy notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

That the below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the **Axis Bank Limited** against the pledge of gold ornaments("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on **13.07.2026 at 11.00 AM on "As in where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No Recourse Basis".** Auction will be held at.

Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Custmer Name	Loan A/C No.	Outstanding Amount (₹.)	Date of Recall Notice	Gross Weight	Net Weight
Branch Name : Banashankari					
K Harish Kumar Yadav	XXXXXXXXXX5537	22,22,489	7-May-26	311.500	280.800
K Harish Kumar Yadav	XXXXXXXXXX4591	4,25,397	7-May-26	154.400	144.500
Spartan Bastian	XXXXXXXXXX5936	11,72,603	7-May-26	168.900	143.900
Suresh .	XXXXXXXXXX1749	2,05,049	7-May-26	42.900	37.900
Branch Name : Bangarapet					
A Sagayam Gracy	XXXXXXXXXX8414	4,57,312	13-Apr-26	40.000	39.800
Nisar Ahmed B	XXXXXXXXXX3083	13,21,722	9-Mar-26	155.100	153.900
S P Shiva Pradeep	XXXXXXXXXX4467	14,91,742	7-May-26	145.100	144.400
S P Shiva Pradeep	XXXXXXXXXX7537	5,67,104	7-May-26	54.700	54.600
Sandeep A	XXXXXXXXXX6366	5,92,508	7-May-26	55.700	55.300
Sumalatha A	XXXXXXXXXX8110	13,05,941	2-Apr-26	161.700	152.100
Branch Name : Basaveshwar Nagar					
Raghavendra Krishna	XXXXXXXXXX4308	18,87,984	7-May-26	224.600	220.300
Branch Name : Bhattarahalli					
Yaradevireddygari Vinod Kumar Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX6484	1,77,785	13-Apr-26	24.900	24.700
Yaradevireddygari Vinod Kumar Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX8964	1,03,100	7-May-26	15.400	15.100
Yaradevireddygari Vinod Kumar Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX2631	44,616	2-Apr-26	6.600	6.000
Branch Name : Channapatna					
Abbas Ali Khan	XXXXXXXXXX4971	36,50,651	2-Apr-26	465.800	446.600
Anil Gowda T P	XXXXXXXXXX2467	31,46,175	18-May-26	302.800	295.500
Mohammed Avais R	XXXXXXXXXX2583	3,48,117	18-May-26	55.400	54.300
Mohammed Khasim Baig	XXXXXXXXXX2408	5,12,162	2-Apr-26	61.400	59.200
Prashanth C N	XXXXXXXXXX4618	8,63,606	7-May-26	131.500	129.090
Ravi Kumar S	XXXXXXXXXX9693	5,00,372	7-May-26	50.000	48.500
Shabreen Bano	XXXXXXXXXX4838	9,42,115	7-May-26	122.500	118.000
Syed Mahamood	XXXXXXXXXX0413	1,93,027	7-May-26	28.000	27.500
Syed Mahamood	XXXXXXXXXX9089	78,598	7-May-26	14.600	13.900
Vijendra H S	XXXXXXXXXX5758	15,30,882	7-May-26	141.800	137.000
Branch Name : Chikballapur					
Al Mas	XXXXXXXXXX1946	20,17,073	9-Mar-26	236.000	229.530
Gs Sudhakara Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX9446	7,21,097	7-May-26	112.600	87.600
P S Ravikumar	XXXXXXXXXX4458	3,93,079	7-May-26	75.400	74.400
Ravikumar M A	XXXXXXXXXX4500	4,30,150	7-May-26	50.930	50.830
Shivakumar T K	XXXXXXXXXX0450	15,35,721	7-May-26	134.700	131.700
Sowmya L	XXXXXXXXXX9955	14,53,150	7-May-26	125.100	124.590
Branch Name : Chintamani					
Kavitha R N	XXXXXXXXXX2990	2,74,843	7-May-26	30.500	30.100
Mahesh M	XXXXXXXXXX8634	11,52,236	2-Apr-26	145.800	139.300
Mahesh M	XXXXXXXXXX6487	10,07,396	2-Apr-26	128.000	124.600
Mahesh M	XXXXXXXXXX8874	4,16,855	2-Apr-26	42.700	41.000
N Babu	XXXXXXXXXX0209	58,657	7-May-26	11.400	11.100
Pradeep V	XXXXXXXXXX2906	93,645	7-May-26	10.300	10.000
S S Nagendra Prasad	XXXXXXXXXX4320	10,76,291	9-Mar-26	198.500	187.500
Branch Name : Chitradurga					
Ajjaiaha P M	XXXXXXXXXX8177	2,64,199	7-May-26	40.300	39.200
Branch Name : Cox Town					
Sumaiya Fathima	XXXXXXXXXX2826	2,26,363	18-May-26	44.500	41.200
Branch Name : Dod Ballapur					
C H Channakeshava Murthy	XXXXXXXXXX6753	17,97,549	7-May-26	221.200	211.200
Malathi R	XXXXXXXXXX2866	4,78,435	7-May-26	77.800	76.400
Nagendraiah N	XXXXXXXXXX0454	2,00,057	9-Feb-26	24.300	24.000
Raghu K	XXXXXXXXXX3677	1,23,223	7-May-26	27.600	27.300
Rakesh S M	XXXXXXXXXX3383	2,57,376	7-May-26	37.200	37.000
Ramakrishnappa S A	XXXXXXXXXX2882	6,84,871	7-May-26	63.700	62.000
Branch Name : Electronic City					
Mohana B	XXXXXXXXXX5249	20,31,871	18-May-26	252.100	229.000
Mukunthan	XXXXXXXXXX0702	21,60,347	7-May-26	262.300	260.400
Branch Name : Govindarajanaga					
Madaiah	XXXXXXXXXX5774	6,62,852	7-May-26	77.100	72.100
Branch Name : Hoskote					
Ashok N	XXXXXXXXXX3648	5,53,819	7-May-26	54.100	51.600
H C Rajendra Kumar	XXXXXXXXXX3585	10,18,489	7-May-26	126.500	117.900
H C Rajendra Kumar	XXXXXXXXXX5855	9,25,531	7-May-26	115.700	114.100
Mahendra Kumar N	XXXXXXXXXX7949	56,270	2-Apr-26	13.000	12.000
Muniraja N	XXXXXXXXXX3455	2,95,994	7-May-26	41.900	36.500
Najaf Hussain	XXXXXXXXXX4132	7,58,273	7-May-26	79.000	73.300
Branch Name : Hulimavu					
Kanthamma R	XXXXXXXXXX8569	1,27,784	2-Apr-26	15.700	14.600
Rangashamaiah K R	XXXXXXXXXX4184	19,51,210	2-Apr-26	197.850	193.750
Branch Name : Indiranagar					
Bindu Shree M	XXXXXXXXXX1297	1,29,423	9-Mar-26	14.800	14.000
Branch Name : ITI Layout					
Basavaraj M N	XXXXXXXXXX0007	5,33,036	7-May-26	54.200	52.100
Suresh R	XXXXXXXXXX3989	1,10,068	2-Apr-26	23.800	19.300
Sushmitha S	XXXXXXXXXX8518	16,55,515	9-Mar-26	206.400	198.800
Branch Name : J C Road					
Banu .	XXXXXXXXXX6360	10,92,443	7-May-26	120.000	118.000
Branch Name : J P Nagar					
Mallikarjun	XXXXXXXXXX8321	3,07,838	7-May-26	35.300	34.400
Riyaz Ahmed S	XXXXXXXXXX0598	41,860	2-Apr-26	12.700	8.800
Branch Name : Kalkere					
Allu Siva Sankar	XXXXXXXXXX4945	2,59,296	20-Mar-26	53.800	50.200
Branch Name : Kalyan Nagar					
Ajay John Cyril Arputham	XXXXXXXXXX4143	1,38,047	7-May-26	24.500	21.000
Ajay John Cyril Arputham	XXXXXXXXXX5740	55,020	7-May-26	5.600	5.100
Branch Name : Kanakapura					
Anand K	XXXXXXXXXX4716	6,07,605	7-May-26	60.200	56.000
Seema Bhanu	XXXXXXXXXX2627	15,34,982	2-Apr-26	195.300	189.700
Branch Name : Kasthuri Nagar					
Ramegowda R	XXXXXXXXXX1820	1,82,742	7-May-26	22.500	21.500
Branch Name : Kodichikkanahal					
Sambu Markandeya Adithya Varaprasad	XXXXXXXXXX8966	1,03,555	7-May-26	11.600	10.900
Branch Name : Kolar					
B C Prakasha	XXXXXXXXXX9904	2,39,750	18-May-26	27.900	26.300
Nouheera Taj	XXXXXXXXXX8767	6,05,601	2-Apr-26	73.800	71.300
Radhamma S	XXXXXXXXXX5879	38,71,751	7-May-26	470.000	446.000
Ramesh Babu K	XXXXXXXXXX8224	3,12,187	7-May-26	32.500	30.500
Roohi	XXXXXXXXXX9470	3,78,993	7-May-26	48.600	47.600
Shafeeq Parveez	XXXXXXXXXX0525	5,26,286	7-May-26	80.200	78.400
Branch Name : Koramangala					
Karthick Raja R	XXXXXXXXXX1457	80,486	7-May-26	9.100	8.800
Papolu Devika	XXXXXXXXXX5994	3,52,118	7-May-26	66.300	59.800
Branch Name : Kunigal C6231					
Girisha K N	XXXXXXXXXX3484	48,872	18-May-26	6.000	5.800
Branch Name : Magadi Road					
Chandan N S	XXXXXXXXXX1418	3,20,784	7-May-26	29.900	29.900
Branch Name : Mahadevpura					
Dwarakeesha T R	XXXXXXXXXX2482	5,20,385	7-May-26	90.800	90.000
Himanshu Das	XXXXXXXXXX6685	1,56,909	7-May-26	15.400	15.300
Madan Lal K	XXXXXXXXXX3367	66,374	2-Apr-26	15.000	14.800
Branch Name : Mahalakshmi Layout					
Channa Basavanna	XXXXXXXXXX6654	19,75,656	13-Apr-26	191.400	190.400
N Jyothi Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX2899	6,63,838	7-May-26	63.600	62.400
S Binish Raj	XXXXXXXXXX2895	15,57,639	18-May-26	291.400	275.400
Subbaraya Reddy Srinivasan	XXXXXXXXXX2947	24,19,626	18-May-26	475.900	453.900
Branch Name : Malleswaram					
G Vinith	XXXXXXXXXX5457	1,34,908	13-Apr-26	16.000	16.000
Branch Name : Malur					
Dhapu Devi	XXXXXXXXXX8213	6,21,842	7-May-26	95.400	93.000
Branch Name : Marathahalli					
A Balaraju	XXXXXXXXXX7475	1,30,933	7-May-26	49.900	49.500
Pamuri Ramohan Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX4161	2,13,649	19-Mar-26	25.800	25.000
Pamuri Ramohan Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX8014	1,28,959	19-Mar-26	16.200	16.100
Pamuri Ramohan Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX2067	67,701	9-Mar-26	10.700	10.200
T Meena Kumari	XXXXXXXXXX7361	11,95,006	9-Mar-26	178.600	176.100
Branch Name : Nagar Bhavi					
Avinash S Madkatte	XXXXXXXXXX8779	2,96,982	7-May-26	60.800	58.700
Suma S B	XXXXXXXXXX4348	10,37,192	2-Apr-26	111.210	107.510
Branch Name : Nallurhalli					
Kupendra	XXXXXXXXXX0664	47,855	16-Feb-26	6.400	5.900
Penjeti Jagadeesh	XXXXXXXXXX0304	83,635	7-May-26	10.300	7.700
Branch Name : Nelamangala					
Dulal Sarkar	XXXXXXXXXX2124	63,862	7-May-26	12.000	11.800
R Radha .	XXXXXXXXXX0965	6,94,475	2-Apr-26	95.800	94.900
Rudresha A R	XXXXXXXXXX4137	15,03,697	7-May-26	132.600	128.400
Rudresha A R	XXXXXXXXXX4483	2,56,450	7-May-26	36.700	23.700
Branch Name : Old Madras Road					
Vasupradha C K	XXXXXXXXXX7117	6,85,402	2-Apr-26	103.500	103.100
Branch Name : Prashanth Nagar					
Gouramm A	XXXXXXXXXX3096	1,99,277	7-May-26	32.900	32.400
Branch Name : R T Nagar					
Beeresha B	XXXXXXXXXX4867	12,67,923	23-Jan-26	247.400	228.500
G Vinith	XXXXXXXXXX7992	4,05,491	7-May-26	41.900	41.500
Mohammed Peer	XXXXXXXXXX2509	1,70,083	8-Feb-23	35.800	29.800
Ziya Ulla Baig	XXXXXXXXXX5274	3,16,492	9-Feb-26	72.600	70.200
Branch Name : Ramanagara					
Fakeeresh Mastamanaver	XXXXXXXXXX6990	13,57,443	13-Apr-26	142.600	140.600
Fakeeresh Mastamanaver	XXXXXXXXXX4004	12,09,290	13-Apr-26	130.700	126.900
Branch Name : RBI Layout					
Darshini S	XXXXXXXXXX6976	1,20,430	2-Apr-26	18.800	17.500
Ganesh Babu D	XXXXXXXXXX6579	1,37,553	7-May-26	20.900	20.100
Sharath V	XXXXXXXXXX1852	5,57,920	2-Apr-26	74.800	68.300
Shaziya Sulthan	XXXXXXXXXX0762	3,75,748	4-Nov-24	64.200	62.000
Branch Name : Robertsonpet					
Dhanalakshmi K	XXXXXXXXXX0071	83,668	9-Mar-26	10.200	10.100
Branch Name : Sanjay Nagar					
Mupparam Raju	XXXXXXXXXX5362	2,08,502	7-May-26	32.100	32.000
Muthu Raj Naik	XXXXXXXXXX0433	92,082	7-May-26	9.700	8.500
Branch Name : Sarjapur Road					
N Subramanyam	XXXXXXXXXX8768	1,30,678	7-May-26	23.600	23.400
Vedavathi R	XXXXXXXXXX6863	1,29,787	18-May-26	16.900	15.900
Branch Name : Seshadripuram					
R S Munesh	XXXXXXXXXX2902	15,23,930	10-Dec-25	231.900	221.400
Branch Name : Shanthinagar					
Shiva Prasad C	XXXXXXXXXX7429	2,93,988	12-Oct-22	57.800	57.000
Branch Name : Tumkur					
Harshith H C	XXXXXXXXXX3617	6,58,506	7-May-26	105.500	100.000
Ibrahim Khan	XXXXXXXXXX6717	18,54,283	2-Apr-26	208.400	194.300
Branch Name : Vijayanagar					
Amjad Pasha	XXXXXXXXXX2888	3,95,137	7-May-26	50.200	49.200
B Surekha	XXXXXXXXXX1338	1,02,659	7-May-26	17.000	15.150
P Veena	XXXXXXXXXX6726	3,44,575	23-Jan-26	64.800	40.800
Branch Name : Whitefield Main					
Ashok V R	XXXXXXXXXX8319	12,44,241	7-May-26	119.900	118.000
Kakanuri Pratap Reddy	XXXXXXXXXX5789	6,29,069	9-Feb-26	73.100	71.800
Branch Name : Yelahanka					
Venkatesh Vutukur	XXXXXXXXXX4434	20,48,310	7-May-26	254.600	235.800
Venkatesh Vutukur	XXXXXXXXXX8106	20,47,755	7-May-26	268.800	234.400

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF TENDER

The Base/Reserve price will be given on the auction day/date to the tenderers on which the auction bid will be considered. The bid/offers in the prescribed tender form provided by the bank shall only be considered for bidding.
Incomplete bid form/tender are treated invalid and shall liable to be rejected.
The tender documents along with the terms and conditions shall be collected from the above branch. The tender document duly completed to be handed to the concerned branch official during working hours on **13.07.2026** Tenders received after the due date will not be considered.
The said properties is / are offered for sale on **"As in where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No Recourse Basis".** The Bank does not undertake any responsibility to standard, purity and /or any other dues, taxes, if any, in respect of the said property.
Tenders will be opened by the Bank on the auction date in the presence of the tenderers who may choose to remain present on the day and time as said above, inter alia, for raising / revising their respective offers.
Branch Names Mentioned Above. Auction Date : 13.07.2026
Offer/tender once submitted cannot be withdrawn and bidder will liable to deposit the bid amount if there is single bid/offer for particular article/asset/ornament.
If there are more than one bid for particular article/asset/ornament, inter-se bidding shall take place amongst the bidder and highest bidder shall be declare as successful bidder.
Bidder should submit all KYC documents i.e. PAN Number, PAN Card, Adhar Card & Address proof etc. Bidder should submit valid E-mail ID & Contact Number
The Bank reserves its right to accept or reject the offer at its sole discretion.
Any disputes / differences arising out of sale of the said property/ offered for sale shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Courts / Tribunals at Mumbai only.

Place: Karnataka **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD.**

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